IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

BARBARA E. VARNER,

Plaintiff, CIVIL ACTION

NO. 1:CV 01-0725

vs.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, . (JUDGE YVETTE KANE)

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, CUMBERLAND COUNTY; CUMBERLAND . COUNTY; S. GARETH GRAHAM, Individually, and JOSEPH OSENKARSKI, individually,

Defendants.

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Deposition of: S. GARETH GRAHAM

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MR. JOSEPH OSENKARSKI

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- 1 S. GARETH GRAHAM, recalled as a witness, previously
- 2 being duly sworn, testified further, as follows:
- 3 BY MS. WALLET:
- Good morning, Mr. Graham. 4 Q.
- 5 Α. Good morning.
- 6 May I remind you that are still under oath. Do
- 7 you understand that that oath requires you to testify to the
- 8 truth today?
- 9 A. Sure.
- 10 Is there any reason today why you could not
- answer my questions completely and truthfully? 11
- 12 Α. No.
- 13 And if at any time you have not heard my
- 14 question, I will expect that you will ask me to repeat it,
- 15 and that if you answer a question, you have both heard it and
- understood it. Is that agreed? 16
- 17 Α. Understood.
- 18 You heard a lot of testimony at the last day of
- depositions about the seniority issue. Did you have an 19
- opinion with regard to how seniority should be credited for 20

- 21 probation officers?
- 22 A. I had no opinion.
- 23 Seniority was an issue in our office that was
- 24 debated for probably 11 years, the entire time Ken Bolze was
- 25 the chief of the Probation office. There was numerous

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- 1 memorandums. I think there's possibly a real thick file that
- 2 was attributed to different people making different
- 3 suggestions to Mr. Bolze over the years. I think there was a
- 4 number of people that contributed trying to be in a position
- 5 to identify what seniority we should go with and how that
- 6 should be established. And I'm positive that Dirk Madison
- 7 wrote a memorandum to Ken Bolze about the seniority issue.
- 8 I'm sure that Tom Boyer wrote a memo about the seniority
- 9 issue. And it was just something that was never quite
- 10 resolved in the entire time that I was in Probation.
- 11 So as far as my opinion of it, it didn't really
- 12 matter, because Mr. Bolze controlled most of the seniority
- 13 and it was his decision on how he was going to apply
- 14 seniority in our office, and he did it unfairly and unjustly.
- 15 Q. And why do you say that?
- 16 A. Because he counted time for part-time service.
- 17 And nowhere in the county manual or nowhere in the county
- 18 history was anybody else being attributed part-time service.

- 19 So he -- and other men in the office such as Tom Boyer felt
- 20 that was discriminatory towards him especially, and that's
- 21 why everybody was invited into this issue and out of this
- 22 issue and around this issue for almost 11 years.
- 23 Q. Now, you had prior county time outside the
- 24 Probation office, correct?
- 25 A. Yes, ma'am.

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- 1 Q. And under the Bolze policy which counted the
- 2 county time, you benefitted from that policy, correct?
- 3 A. In what regard did I benefit?
- 4 Q. Well, you were granted more seniority because
- 5 your time outside the Probation office was counted towards
- 6 seniority.
- 7 A. No, ma'am. I was granted county seniority
- 8 because the county seniority policy was continuous service,
- 9 years of continuous service. That didn't, that wasn't
- 10 necessarily the case with Probation seniority. Mr. Bolze
- 11 dated that I understand Probation seniority sometime from the
- 12 point where you came into the office for office, some
- 13 office-related matters.
- 14 So your questions I think the other day were
- 15 attributed to Mr. Osenkarski about how was this certain
- 16 policy, and that was the October factor that was used in

- 17 promotions, and that's just not true, because there was a man
- 18 promoted years ago named John Roller who sits in the Adult
- 19 chief that was promoted over a man named Bob Houser. And my
- 20 recollection of that was the fact that I think maybe
- 21 Mr. Houser had more seniority than Mr. Roller. So that
- 22 wasn't the only situation.
- 23 And then there was a situation I think on the
- 24 Adult side that transpired where Lyle Herr was, who sits as
- 25 the Adult supervisor, was promoted over a man by the name of

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- 1 Charles McKenrick, who had more Probation seniority. And
- 2 this is, this was a very hot potato as far as how they count
- 3 seniority, because Mr. McKenrick had been over in Perry
- 4 County working as a probation officer in Perry County for a
- 5 number of years, and he was disappointed that here we were
- 6 counting, according to Mr. Bolze, in some regards all county
- 7 probation. That meant if you worked in Children and Youth,
- 8 that meant if you worked as a maintenance man, that meant if
- 9 you worked as a, in any capacity in any county position, you
- 10 would be in a position to have continuous county service.
- 11 And I think what we tried to do when we split the staffs is
- 12 to try to make a decision on how we were going to look at
- 13 different individuals in the Probation office so that we
- 14 would have an element of fairness.

- 15 Q. Now, you said you had no opinion with regard to
- 16 this issue. Is that correct?
- 17 A. I wasn't involved in the mechanics of realigning
- 18 this seniority issue. I was consumed in other office
- 19 affairs.
- 20 Q. Did you ever express your opinion on the
- 21 seniority issue?
- 22 A. It didn't matter if you expressed your issue.
- 23 With Mr. Bolze, he made up his mind on how he was going to
- 24 apply seniority, and sometimes it would be one way, and
- 25 sometimes it would be some other way.

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- 1 Q. So your position was that Bolze was not
- 2 consistent on his policy?
- 3 A. He was never consistent, you're absolutely right.
- 4 I don't see him being consistent in any of that, because, you
- 5 know, there was so much issues where McKenrick had gone to
- 6 him and said here you're going to count county seniority and
- 7 they might have worked in a completely different office with
- 8 different responsibilities. We had that. We had Lyle Herr
- 9 coming from the Sheriff's Department, we had Mike Piper
- 10 coming from the Sheriff's Department. But here we had a man
- 11 that had probation experience in the same venue of what we,
- 12 how we operate in Probation, and he was just ignored because

- 13 he came from another county. So it didn't make any sense to
- 14 be in a position to try to align Probation seniority without
- 15 looking at relative probation experience. And that's exactly
- 16 what we tried to do.
- 17 Q. Now, you had time in the Recorder of Deeds
- 18 office, correct?
- 19 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 20 Q. Did you have time in any other county offices
- 21 prior to assuming your probation work?
- 22 A. No, ma'am.
- 23 Q. But you got credit for your Recorder of Deeds
- 24 time, did you not?
- 25 A. It's interesting, if you look at the documents

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- 1 that supposedly are in this seniority issue, my seniority was
- 2 dating back from my date of hire in the Probation office,
- 3 which was sometime in 19 -- September 1977.
- 4 Q. So you're saying your understanding is you got no
- 5 credit for your time in the Recorder of Deeds office?
- 6 A. I got county seniority, ma'am. I got county
- 7 seniority from the time that I started with the county in
- 8 July 26th of 1976. And I worked a little over a year in the
- 9 Recorder of Deeds office, and then had applied to Probation,
- 10 took a pay cut, took a pay cut and went into the field of my

- 11 endeavors with my college and everything else.
- 12 Q. And when you were promoted from a PO-I to a PO-II
- 13 in 1985, your time with the Recorder of Deeds was counted,
- 14 wasn't that correct?
- 15 A. You would have to ask Mr. Bolze that question.
- 16 Q. You don't know?
- 17 A. I don't know in -- no, I don't know.
- 18 Q. Are you aware of any other individuals in the
- 19 Juvenile Probation office that county time, counting it or
- 20 not counting it, applies to, other than Barbara Varner?
- 21 A. I don't understand your question, ma'am.
- 22 Q. Are you aware of anyone else in the Juvenile
- 23 Probation Department for whom there is a significance with
- 24 regard to counting prior non-Probation office time?
- 25 MR. MacMAIN: Objection to form. I'm not sure I

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- 1 understand your question.
- 2 BY MS. WALLET:
- 3 Q. Well, do you agree, sir, the issue is do you
- 4 count only time beginning when you started in the Probation
- 5 office or do you count time when you began with the county
- 6 outside the Probation office?
- 7 MR. MacMAIN: At what time? What time period are
- 8 we talking?

- 9 BY MS. WALLET:
- 10 Q. The controversy over 11 years. Wasn't that part
- 11 of the controversy?
- 12 A. That was some of the controversy, right.
- 13 Q. And some of the other controversy was part-time
- 14 versus full-time?
- 15 A. Yes. And credit for other out-of-county service
- 16 was another issue, whether Mr. McKenrick should be punished
- 17 for not being in a position of having any credit towards his
- 18 probation experience in Perry County. So there was --
- 19 Q. Okay. Anything else?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Those were the three issues?
- 22 A. That I'm aware of.
- 23 Q. I'm asking you about only one of those issues,
- 24 that's the issue of whether or not you count prior time with
- 25 the county before you joined the Probation office.

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- 1 A. You're asking me to define something that I don't
- 2 know how Mr. Bolze applied this. That's what you're asking
- 3 me to define. I don't know how he applied what he used as
- 4 opposed to seniority or when he started or when he stopped.
- 5 It was never clear, ma'am. There was never that I understand
- 6 a written policy. I've seen the documents that you've

- 7 provided, but I never knew the issue to be resolved.
- 8 Q. Okay. Now, at some time after the split it was
- 9 resolved, correct?
- 10 A. We made an attempt in Probation, Juvenile
- 11 Probation, to resolve it. But the interesting paradox to
- 12 this is I don't even know where the seniority list, since
- 13 I've been relegated to the prison for the last five years, I
- 14 don't even know where I stand on the seniority list in the
- 15 Adult Probation office. I don't think there's one of those
- 16 that exists, either, after five years of this controversy.
- 17 So there is no Adult, that I know of or am aware of where I
- 18 stand on my seniority in the Adult Probation office.
- 19 Q. Let's talk about the period between the time of
- 20 the split and the time that you were demoted to the prison.
- 21 Okay? Are we clear on the time frame?
- 22 A. The time of the split up until where I'm working
- 23 now.
- Q. Correct. Are you clear on what time I'm speaking
- 25 about?

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- 1 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 2 Q. All right. During that period of time, there was
- 3 a change in the prior policy; no matter what Mr. Bolze's
- 4 policy was, it was changed. Correct?

- 5 MR. MacMAIN: If you can answer it. If you're in
- 6 a position to know what the policy was, you can answer it.
- 7 If you don't, then you can't.
- 8 THE WITNESS: There was a proposal made to try to
- 9 identify and rectify the seniority issue in the Probation
- 10 office at the time of the split by the Juvenile Probation
- 11 Department. The Adult side did not clarify the issue, did
- 12 not approach the issue, and did not by default make a
- 13 position on seniority.
- 14 They have also been in a position to try to
- 15 identify where a seniority list lies, because they have an
- 16 obligation by receiving state and federal reimbursement,
- 17 there are certain regulations and one of the regulations is
- 18 that they have a posted seniority list.
- MR. MacMAIN: Gary.
- 20 THE WITNESS: And the Adult side has no posted
- 21 seniority list to identify the seniority issue.
- 22 BY MS. WALLET:
- Q. Did you ever ask for one?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Talking about the time between the split and when

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- 1 you left for the prison. Did you play any role in that
- 2 proposal to change the existing seniority policy?

- 3 A. Mr. Osenkarski delegated that issue of seniority
- 4 to Mr. Boyer. And did I play any role in that? Not until
- 5 the document was proposed, and I don't know when it was
- 6 adopted, because that's when this other controversy came up.
- 7 Q. Did anybody ask you your opinion with regard to
- 8 the proposed change?
- 9 A. My opinion was that we needed to clarify the
- 10 seniority issue once and for all and that we should probably
- 11 be in a position to identify relevant probation experience.
- 12 Q. Did anyone come to you, sir, and ask you your
- 13 opinion on the seniority issue?
- 14 A. I think Mr. Boyer asked my opinion.
- 15 Q. And what did you respond?
- 16 A. And I said that the seniority regarding the
- 17 Probation office should date from the time someone comes in
- 18 and starts full-time service in the Probation, in the
- 19 Cumberland County Probation office. I wasn't interested in
- 20 giving total credit for out-of-county service because that
- 21 didn't seem to be fair for the people that chose to work in
- 22 Cumberland County and commit to the cause and, you know, and
- 23 commit to the organization. So you couldn't be in a position
- 24 to give credit for, you know, out-of-county when even though
- 25 it was relevant experience.

- 1 Q. Okay. What was your position on full-time versus
- 2 part-time?
- 3 A. I have very, very strong opinions against
- 4 part-time work, and that's due to a lot of the shenanigans
- 5 that have transpired in the county courthouse about who's on
- 6 part-time and who's not on part-time, who's working full-time
- 7 jobs and/or and actually being in the office. I have very
- 8 strong opinions against part-time credit being given.
- 9 Q. Okay. And what shenanigans are you referring to,
- 10 sir?
- 11 A. Just other issues where there's other employment
- 12 throughout the county where people have been given credit for
- 13 working full-time and maybe pursuing their law degree during
- 14 the day at the local law school at Dickinson.
- 15 Q. Specifically what people?
- 16 A. I don't know if I want to mention that today.
- 17 Q. Why not?
- 18 A. Well, I don't know if I would be in a position to
- 19 be sued if I would relate that information.
- Q. Which people?
- 21 MR. MacMAIN: I'm going to object. Does this
- 22 have any relevance to the issue, the probation seniority
- 23 issue?
- MS. WALLET: I don't know.
- 25 MR. MacMAIN: I'll ask this. Is there anybody in

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the Probation Department that would be responsive to the

- 2 question? Or is it other departments besides Probation?
- 3 THE WITNESS: It has nothing to do with the
- 4 Probation Department.
- 5 BY MS. WALLET:

- 6 Q. So these shenanigans that you identified are
- 7 something outside the Probation office?
- 8 A. Absolutely.
- 9 Q. What offices are they in?
- 10 A. Mostly out of the commissioners' office.
- 11 Q. Did you prepare any writings with regard to the
- 12 seniority issue?
- 13 A. Absolutely not.
- 14 Q. Now, at the time of the split you were already a
- 15 senior probation officer II, correct?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. At the time of the split you were only a PO-I?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. What was your position at the time of the split?
- 20 A. I was a PO-II.
- 21 Q. But not senior PO-II?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. When were you made senior PO-II?
- 24 A. The confusing part of this, Ms. Wallet, is the
- 25 senior PO position is a position underneath the PO-II

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- 1 position.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- A. So I'll just try to clarify that for you.
- 4 Q. So at the split you were a supervisor?
- 5 A. No. I was a PO-II.
- 6 Q. But you acted as a supervisor?
- 7 A. No. I had a regular caseload, and the only time
- 8 I was in a supervisory capacity is when I was delegated to
- 9 be. I had no administrative position, nor did David Meyers
- 10 have any administrative positions to handle under that
- 11 position.
- 12 Q. Well, now I am confused, sir. At the time of the
- 13 split did you have probation officers reporting to you?
- 14 A. At the time of the split I became -- I'm sorry.
- 15 I became a supervisor.
- 16 Q. Okay. And you had probation officers reporting
- 17 to you, did you not?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And who were those individuals?
- 20 A. Whoever was in the office at that time.
- 21 Q. All of them?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you do their performance evaluations?

- 24 A. You know, I don't think I did. I contributed to
- 25 the performance evaluation but I think Mr. Osenkarski did the

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- 1 performance evaluation, as I recall. Because I was just
- 2 newly assigned and didn't have any experience with that. So
- 3 I talked to him about case assignments, I talked to him about
- 4 other things that he asked me to contribute to in regard to
- 5 the performance of people, yes. Did I actually do it? I
- 6 think we co-did it, or we --
- 7 Q. Were you paid more for your supervisory duties?
- 8 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 9 Q. And what supervisory duties did you perform that
- 10 warranted your being paid more?
- 11 A. I was in charge of basically case management in
- 12 the Probation Department.
- 13 O. And what did that mean?
- 14 A. That meant from the time cases were referred they
- 15 were sent to my office to distribute to the rest of the staff
- 16 on assignment.
- 17 Q. And Mr. Osenkarski gave you that position,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. No. Judge Sheely gave me that position.
- 20 Q. Do you know whether Mr. Osenkarski made a
- 21 recommendation that you be placed in this position?

- 22 A. I think he and Mr. Bolze and Mr. Roller presented
- 23 that as an option to the Court on how to divide the staffs
- 24 and who would be moving to the responsible positions.
- MS. WALLET: I'd like to show you what we'll mark

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- 1 as Deposition Exhibit 3.
- 2 (Graham Deposition Exhibit No. 3 was marked.)
- 3 BY MS. WALLET:
- 4 Q. Do you have what we've marked as Deposition 3?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Do you recognize that, sir?
- 7 A. Faintly. I recognize my name on the bottom of
- 8 it.
- 9 Q. Is that your signature on Deposition 3?
- 10 A. It's my name.
- 11 Q. Well, is it your signature?
- 12 A. I think it is.
- Q. Why aren't you sure?
- 14 A. I don't remember the card specifically.
- 15 Q. Well, do you know whether you gave this card to
- 16 Barbara Varner?
- 17 A. I would imagine I did. I don't totally remember
- 18 the card.
- 19 Q. Do you remember purchasing this card?

- 20 A. Not really.
- Q. Well, do you remember your testimony that you
- 22 made some efforts to try to find when this card was
- 23 manufactured?
- 24 A. Absolutely.
- Q. Why did you do that?

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- 1 A. Because the county, when they called me in on
- 2 April 29th, questioned me about a card. And I asked
- 3 Mr. Deluce, I said, well, I don't remember any card. I said,
- 4 I don't think I gave her any card. I said, I want to see a
- 5 copy of the card, I said, because I couldn't remember it.
- 6 And he never provided the card.
- 7 And just recently did I ever see the card. I
- 8 mean, just within the past probably four months is the first
- 9 time the card was ever produced for me to visualize and
- 10 identify.
- 11 Q. And when did you see this card in the last four
- 12 months?
- 13 A. I don't know. It was part of a --
- MR. MacMAIN: I'll represent it was part of
- 15 obviously the litigation process.
- 16 BY MS. WALLET:
- 17 Q. Did your lawyer give you this card?

- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Now, having looked at this card within the last
- 20 four months and today, do you remember anything about this
- 21 card?
- 22 A. I remember -- I remember that that's my signature
- 23 and I remember that I probably gave her that card at some
- 24 juncture.
- 25 Q. Do you remember whether you gave it to her on her

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- 1 actual birthday?
- 2 A. Well, I know her birthday to be January 18th, so
- 3 I probably would have given it to her on her birthday.
- Q. Did you give it to her personally or did you mail
- 5 her the card?
- 6 A. Personally.
- 7 Q. Did she open it in your presence?
- 8 A. I don't remember that. Probably. I wouldn't
- 9 have sent it to her.
- 10 Q. Why did you give her this card?
- 11 A. Because we were involved in a relationship since
- 12 1990 to 1996.
- 13 Q. And do you believe you gave this to her sometime
- 14 close in 1990 or sometime closer to 1996?
- 15 A. That's what I've recalled since I've seen the

- 16 card, and I recall that once I saw the card, that it, when
- 17 the county was questioning me whether I gave her a birthday
- 18 card in 1996, my answer was no, I didn't. And that card was
- 19 not given to her in 1996.
- 20 Q. Okay. So we know it wasn't 1996.
- 21 A. Do I know when it was? It could have been
- 22 anywhere during the period of 1990 to probably in the
- 23 beginning of our relationship.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. So I would say probably the first three or four

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- 1 years of the affair.
- Q. Okay. Did you ever give her any other cards for
- 3 her birthday?
- 4 A. I don't think so.
- 5 Q. Why not?
- 6 A. Why not?
- 7 Q. Why not?
- 8 A. Probably I was too cheap.
- 9 Q. Did you give her any Valentine?
- 10 A. No. But I kind of recall our first relationship
- 11 was on Valentine's Day, first time we had intercourse.
- 12 Q. Did you give her any gifts other than cards?
- 13 A. I had bought some small gifts. Do I have any

- 14 receipts? No. I mean, I think I got her a couple bracelets
- 15 from Boscov's.
- 16 Q. How many bracelets?
- 17 A. I don't know. I wouldn't know.
- 18 O. Were these on the occasion of some event?
- 19 A. Just different type of interactions that we had
- 20 over the years. You know, when it would become more positive
- 21 and more intimate, maybe something like that was done other
- 22 than going out to eat with her.
- 23 Q. Okay. Other than these more than one bracelet do
- 24 you remember any other gifts you gave her?
- 25 A. No.

Q.

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- Did you give her any other gifts?
- 2 A. I just answered that.
- 3 Q. Well, I quess it's a different question. Did you
- 4 give her any gifts, you think but you can't remember what,
- 5 or --

- 6 A. No, I didn't say that.
- 7 Q. Okay. Let me ask the question. Did you give her
- 8 any other gifts besides the bracelets that you just
- 9 mentioned?
- MR. MacMAIN: That he can recall.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I said I couldn't recall anything

- 12 else.
- 13 BY MS. WALLET:
- 14 Q. Did you mark any of your anniversaries of
- 15 beginning your relationship with her?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Did you ever tell her that you loved her?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Did you love her?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Did you ever give her any notes that were of a
- 22 personal nature?
- 23 A. Don't know. I don't remember any but I won't
- 24 say, I won't deny I wrote her a note here and there. In what
- 25 regard? Kind of note? I mean, it might have been do you

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- 1 want to meet somewhere, or you want to -- I mean, I don't
- 2 know what type of note you're talking about.
- 3 Q. Any kind of note.
- 4 A. Any intimate note, I don't remember ever giving
- 5 her any intimacy note in any regard.
- 6 Q. Okay. But you might have given her some piece of
- 7 paper that indicated where and when to meet?
- 8 A. Something to that nature. I'm not admitting

- 9 that. I'm saying something like that could have happened, I
- 10 could have scribbled a note to her. We met clandestinely,
- 11 you know, at a lot of different locations. So could I have
- 12 scribbled a note and gave it to her? I might have. I don't
- 13 remember, though.
- 14 Q. Do you remember what you wrote on the envelope
- 15 for this particular card marked Deposition 3?
- A. No, ma'am.
- 17 Q. What did you call her?
- 18 A. Barb.
- 19 Q. Did you have any other pet names for her?
- 20 A. No, ma'am.
- 21 Q. Nothing like sweetheart, honey, any of those?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Now, there was Barb 1 and Barb 2. Which was your
- 24 wife and which was Ms. Varner?
- 25 A. That was a rumor that was circulated in the

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- office. I had nothing to do with any of that, and you'll
- 2 have to ask the people that authored the Barb 1 and Barb 2
- 3 who was who.

- 4 Q. And who would that be?
- 5 A. I don't know. I just told you that.
- 6 Q. I see. So you never heard anybody say Barb 1,

- 7 Barb 2?
- 8 MR. MacMAIN: That's not what he said.
- 9 THE WITNESS: That's not what I said.
- 10 BY MS. WALLET:
- 11 Q. Did you hear anyone use the term Barb 1, Barb 2?
- 12 A. I heard it used in the office. I don't know
- 13 specifically who to attribute it to.
- Q. Well, who do you remember using this term?
- 15 A. Maybe some of the secretaries. Maybe Tom Boyer.
- 16 Maybe Darby Christlieb. I don't know. Maybe Denny Drachbar.
- 17 Maybe Sam Miller.
- 18 Q. Well, it could be maybe anybody in the office,
- 19 correct? I'm asking you, what do you remember about
- 20 individuals who used this term Barb 1 Barb 2?
- 21 A. And I testified earlier that I didn't remember
- 22 who was attributed to the remarks.
- 23 Q. Well, did you ever get a telephone message from
- 24 someone that said Barb and you had difficulty deciding
- 25 whether it was your wife or Barbara Varner?

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- 1 A. No. We had a type of a clandestine relationship
- 2 with the phone business where when Mrs. Varner would contact
- 3 me or Barb would contact me, she would let it ring three
- 4 rings. If I didn't pick up in three rings, we knew that the

- 5 message then would go out to the front secretary so she would
- 6 always hang up the phone.
- 7 So due to the multitude of hang-ups when the
- 8 secretaries received the call coming through on my phone,
- 9 they became suspicious of our relationship because we had a
- 10 personal friendship and throughout the -- we had a personal
- 11 relationship that people wanted to gossip about.
- 12 Q. I don't understand, sir. What was suspicious
- 13 about Ms. Varner calling you on your office phone?
- 14 A. The multitude of times that she would call and
- 15 the multitude of times that the receptionist, Ronna Boyles
- 16 or -- would pick up the phone and there would be nobody on
- 17 the other end.
- 18 Q. And Ronna Boyles assumed that was Barbara Varner?
- 19 A. I think so. And so did Denny Drachbar.
- 20 Q. And how would they know that that would be
- 21 Barbara Varner allowing it to ring three times and then
- 22 hanging up?
- 23 A. Not just the phone call. They would know just
- 24 due to the interaction between Barb and I on individual
- 25 cases. I testified the other day that we had -- we shared

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- 1 companion cases quite frequently, and we would go out and
- 2 supervise, or she would implore me to go with her to a

- 3 dangerous situation.
- 4 Q. In fact, you insisted that she come with you on
- 5 those trips, did you not?
- 6 A. That was both ways. No, that went both ways. In
- 7 regard to the Fahnestocks, you know, she wanted me to come
- 8 along because the defendant I was working with had been
- 9 involved in a gun incident with his father, and that's why he
- 10 was under parole, because of the pulling the gun and
- 11 displaying the gun, a rifle. That happened to be a very
- 12 secluded location back in the woods behind the PPG plant out
- 13 in Mount Holly. So it was -- it wouldn't have been a
- 14 comfortable setting for any woman to drive back this long
- 15 lane in back of the PPG plant in the mountains to go visit
- 16 her kids that she had on the dependency concerns with that
- 17 family.
- 18 Q. Okay. Ms. Varner was assigned to supervise a
- 19 part of that family, you were assigned to supervise another
- 20 part of that family?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. So it certainly wouldn't be unusual that the two
- 23 of you would go to this location at the same time, correct?
- A. I don't recall being at the location other than
- 25 the time she requested me to go along with her out there.

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- 1 Q. Okay. But the request that you go with her would
- 2 not be unusual, inasmuch as you had work-related reasons to
- 3 be there and so did she?
- 4 MR. MacMAIN: Objection. I think he just
- 5 answered it that sometimes it would be requested, sometimes
- 6 it wouldn't.
- 7 MS. WALLET: Well, my question was was it an
- 8 unusual request. I don't think he answered that.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I don't know what unusual or usual
- 10 is. I don't understand what you mean by usual or unusual.
- 11 It wasn't unusual to supervise the same family that we were
- 12 involved in. But there was unusual times where she would
- 13 make extra requests for me to go along where I didn't have
- 14 anyplace to go along
- 15 BY MS. WALLET:
- 16 Q. Okay. And were there times when you made
- 17 requests that she go along when she ordinarily would not have
- 18 had any reason to go?
- 19 A. Absolutely, sure. She went on commitment trips
- 20 with me where she had no relevance to the actual case, but
- 21 she was a volunteer that would ride along with me to
- 22 different institutions.
- 23 Q. And your testimony is that it was totally her
- 24 idea, not your idea?
- MR. MacMAIN: Objection.

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- 1 THE WITNESS: That's not my testimony.
- 2 MR. MacMAIN: Objection. What he said is
- 3 sometimes it was her idea and sometimes it was his idea.
- 4 BY MS. WALLET:
- 5 Q. Okay. You would agree there were times when you
- 6 as her supervisor assigned her to come on commitment trips
- 7 with you?
- 8 A. No. No, ma'am.
- 9 Q. No assignment?
- 10 A. No assignments.
- 11 Q. I see.
- 12 A. Commitment trips were a volunteer basis for the
- 13 most part. Most times when it was your own kid that you were
- 14 dealing with that was committed, those were the people
- 15 responsible. But there was a lot of people in the office did
- 16 not like to go on these commitment trips because they
- 17 required extended hours, extensive travel. And we,
- 18 Mr. Osenkarski had a flexible schedule to that. He said if
- 19 you can find somebody else that wants to go along or will go
- 20 along, you may take them, you know, those two people may go
- 21 on the trips.
- Q. Was there any requirement that more than one
- 23 probation officer go on these commitment trips?
- 24 A. There was always a requirement two probation
- 25 officers went on those trips.

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- 1 Q. And why was that, sir?
- 2 Α. Just for liability concerns and safety concerns.
- 3 Q. Specifically what safety concerns?
- 4 Α. Oh, my. Plenty. Fights. Arguments.
- 5 Contraband. I can testify most of the morning as to the
- safety concerns. We had kids fighting in the courthouse. We 6
- 7 had kids throwing the defendant's tables in the judge's
- chambers. We had kids fighting in the hall. We had kids 8
- 9 fighting in our offices.
- 10 It was a traumatic time for a kid to be sent away
- 11 by judicial order to an institution for the next 12 months of
- 12 his life, and they weren't willing to go sometimes.
- So the safety concern was it was thought that it 13
- 14 was better to have two adults along with one juvenile in case
- 15 there were problems?
- 16 Α. Yes, ma'am.
- 17 Were there any rules about having a probation
- 18 officer of the same sex go on these commitment trips?
- 19 Α. I don't recall any rules of any gender
- 20 differentiation between who you would take or who wouldn't
- 21 take. I mean, Ms. Varner was included the same as was Nicole
- 22 Galbraith, or Nicole Horick at the time. She went with me on
- 23 trips. There was different people. And I usually went on a
- 24 lot of trips because I enjoyed that part of the job and it

25 gave me the opportunity to meet with the administrators at

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- 1 the placement facilities.
- 2 Q. In fact, you volunteered for as many of those
- 3 trips as you could, correct?
- 4 A. No. I would volunteer when somebody else would
- 5 not want to go.
- 6 Q. Now, was it ordinary that the person who had
- 7 previously supervised a particular juvenile take that
- 8 juvenile on the commitment trip?
- 9 A. I testified earlier that usually the
- 10 responsibility remained with the person that was assigned the
- 11 juvenile, and if that juvenile got placed, that would be the
- 12 PO that was responsible to make arrangements for the
- 13 transportation of that juvenile to the institution he was
- 14 placed at.
- 15 Q. And that probation officer would either take the
- 16 juvenile him or herself, or get somebody else to do it?
- 17 A. He would decide on taking the person and then
- 18 recruiting another person to accompany him.
- 19 Q. And it became known, did it not, that you were
- 20 one of the individuals who liked to take these trips?
- A. Known to who?
- 22 Q. The other probation officers.

- 23 MR. MacMAIN: I'll object as to what other people
- 24 thought or believed or knew.
- 25 THE WITNESS: I don't know how to answer that.

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- 1 BY MS. WALLET:
- 2 Q. Well, if a probation officer needed to recruit
- 3 someone to accompany him or her, there were certain people in
- 4 the office who didn't like to do it, and there were other
- 5 people who did, correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. Give me the list of the people who didn't
- 8 like to do it.
- 9 A. I don't know. You're asking me to recount things
- 10 that were back 10 and 15 years ago and who wanted to go on a
- 11 certain commitment trip. That's ludicrous.
- 12 O. You don't remember?
- 13 A. I don't remember.
- 14 Q. You do remember you liked to go?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And you think you kept that completely to
- 17 yourself, you didn't tell anybody else that you liked to go?
- 18 A. Oh, come on.
- 19 MR. MacMAIN: Objection. That's argumentative.
- 20 He's already testified he likes to go. He also testified he

- 21 can't tell you who, what other people thought. I think
- 22 that's been asked and answered, and I think we can move on.
- 23 BY MS. WALLET:
- Q. If I looked at the statistics, sir, of how many
- 25 commitment trips the individual probation officers took,

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- 1 would you be on the list of having among the highest of the
- 2 trips?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Now, did Ms. Varner like to go on these
- 5 commitment trips?
- 6 A. She evidently did, because she was with me for
- 7 almost 24 trips between '95 and the time she made her
- 8 Complaint.
- 9 Q. Did she ever complain to you that she did not
- 10 want to go on these commitment trips?
- 11 A. Not at all.
- 12 Q. Did you ever say to her: If you don't like to do
- 13 this kind of work, you can go back to your work in Children
- 14 and Youth?
- 15 A. That's not true at all.
- 16 Q. You never said that?
- 17 A. Never said that at all. That's a complete
- 18 fabricated lie if that's what her testimony is.

- 19 Q. Did you ever say that in reference to any other
- 20 work besides commitment trips?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Did you ever say anything to her that suggested
- 23 that you thought social work was somehow lesser work than
- 24 probation officer work?
- 25 A. That's another fabricated lie, if that's the

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- 1 testimony. No, I never said that.
- 2 Q. Did you think that?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. How many siblings in your family?
- 5 A. Two children.
- 6 Q. And was the other child a boy or a girl?
- 7 A. Both children were girls.
- 8 MR. MacMAIN: She's asking about his family,
- 9 whether he has siblings.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry.
- 11 MR. MacMAIN: That's fine. It wasn't clear.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Okay. You want to know in my
- 13 immediate family. I have one sister.
- 14 BY MS. WALLET:
- 15 Q. And what was your relationship to your sister?
- 16 A. A brother.

- 17 Q. Well, I'll grant you that. How would you
- 18 describe your relationship with your sister?
- MR. MacMAIN: That's a better question.
- THE WITNESS: Very positive.
- 21 BY MS. WALLET:
- 22 Q. Is she an older or younger sibling?
- 23 A. She's an older.
- Q. How much holder?
- 25 A. Almost two years. Within a few months of two

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- 1 years older.
- 2 Q. Does she work outside the home?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. What does she do?
- 5 A. She's a school nurse in the Ocean City, New
- 6 Jersey, school system.
- 7 Q. Is she a registered nurse?
- 8 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 9 Q. Where did she go to school?
- 10 A. Temple University.
- 11 Q. Is she married?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Does she have children?
- 14 A. Two children.

- 15 Q. Boys or girls?
- 16 A. One boy and one girl.
- 17 Q. Hold are they?
- 18 A. Sarah just turned 21, and Mark is 18, or he'll be
- Q. Were your parents married more than one time?
- 21 A. One time.
- Q. For life?
- 23 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 24 Q. And I know that your father is deceased. Is your
- 25 mother still alive?

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- 1 A. No, she's deceased.
- 2 Q. And did your father die before your mother?
- 3 A. He died in I think 1991. August 22nd.
- 4 Q. And when did she die?
- 5 A. January 4th of '98.
- 6 Q. Did you ever tell your mother about your
- 7 relationship with Ms. Varner?
- 8 A. No, ma'am.
- 9 Q. Why not?
- 10 A. No specific reason. I was probably embarrassed.
- 11 Q. I believe I asked you this before. You did not

- 12 tell your father, either, correct?
- 13 A. No. No.
- 14 Q. He was really deceased before you began this
- 15 relationship?
- 16 A. He was dying of cancer about the time I met
- 17 Mrs. Varner. And that was one of the things I confided with
- 18 her about, how upset I was, you know, for him dying of
- 19 cancer.
- 20 Q. How would you describe your relationship with
- 21 your mother?
- 22 A. Wonderful.
- Q. Were you close to her?
- 24 A. Sure.
- Q. Was she close to you?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. What was your childhood like?
- 3 A. Wonderful.
- 4 Q. What was wonderful about it?
- 5 A. Just very satisfying, very fulfilling. Very
- 6 loving, very nurturing.
- 7 Q. How would you describe --
- 8 A. A lot of commotion. My parents had a store,
- 9 Ms. Wallet, and a lot of my excitability and a lot of my

- 10 personality is probably developed over that drugstore,
- 11 because what my dad did was run a little convenience store,
- 12 and he was in that store from seven o'clock in the morning
- 13 till ten o'clock at night. So what that meant is our family
- 14 interactions were limited. As far as having a sit-down meal,
- 15 it was unheard of. And my recollection of what my mom used
- 16 to say, get the hell down to the store and let him come home
- 17 to eat. That's how we had meals.
- 18 So some of my personality probably is formulated
- 19 by the rearing process of having a store being open 365 days
- 20 a year, my dad being in that store from seven o'clock in the
- 21 morning sometimes till 10 ten o'clock at night, and my
- 22 personality as well as my sister's probably are adaptive to
- 23 that type of setting. And that's why I talk fast, I reason
- 24 fast, and because we had no time to settle, you know,
- 25 differences in the family or differences in things that would

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1 come up. We just, our life revolved around that store.

- 2 Q. Did your parents have a good sexual relationship?
- 3 MR. MacMAIN: Objection. If you know.
- 4 THE WITNESS: I don't know. They consummated two
- 5 children so I'm sure they had something that was positive.
- 6 BY MS. WALLET:
- 7 Q. To the best of your knowledge, did either of them

- 8 have any affairs?
- 9 A. Not at all, that I know of.
- 10 Q. Do you believe that you would know if that were
- 11 the case?
- 12 A. Absolutely. My family was in a public arena. I
- 13 mean, we operated a store in a small town. Everybody knew
- 14 everything about everybody. I'm sure I would have heard
- 15 that.
- 16 Q. Did you ever say to anyone in the workplace: In
- 17 Newville men own their women?
- 18 A. That's not true.
- 19 Q. You never said that?
- 20 A. No. I think that was attributed to Kerry Houser
- 21 claiming I said that when Joe was going through his first
- 22 business with her. Kerry says a lot of things, Ms. Wallet.
- 23 Q. You believe her to be untruthful?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Could you give me some examples of why you

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- 1 believe her to be untruthful?
- 2 A. Just different defendants I even work with in the
- 3 Adult section feel that she's less -- she's disingenuous with
- 4 her cases.
- 5 Q. Well, I'm not asking about anyone else. I'm

- 6 asking you, what has caused you to conclude that she is
- 7 untruthful?
- 8 A. Because I think she was part of the rumor mill
- 9 that established two probation officers in our office being
- 10 arrested by the Attorney General's Office over 10 years ago,
- 11 and/or and then -- or not arrested, I'm sorry, investigated
- 12 by the Attorney General's Office. And subsequent
- 13 investigation proved that they were innocent and there was
- 14 never any charges pending.
- 15 But there was a vicious rumor mill regarding a
- 16 Mike Dunsmore and a Paul Meuron, and that rumor got
- 17 circulated in our office, and I believe Kerry to pass that
- 18 rumor on, maybe to Judge Bayley. That's what I had heard. I
- 19 don't have any person and I have no firsthand knowledge of
- 20 that. But Kerry was one of the ones that was circulating
- 21 trying to have these men arrested, you know, for something
- 22 that they really didn't do.
- 23 Q. So you believe that Kerry Houser made some
- 24 allegations against Mike Dunsmore and Paul Meuron?
- 25 A. She was part of the office parade that were

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- 1 making accusations against those two men 10 years ago, or
- 2 longer than that. It's 15 years ago now, I think.
- 3 Q. And how do you know that, sir?

- 4 A. There was newspaper articles and -- how do I know
- 5 about what?
- 6 Q. How do you know that she was the one that made
- 7 the allegations?
- 8 A. I think it was told to me that she was the one
- 9 that went up to Judge Bayley and was complaining to Judge
- 10 Bayley about the commotion about these two men with this DUI
- 11 school.
- 12 Q. Okay. And were either Mr. Dunsmore or Mr. Meuron
- 13 terminated?
- 14 A. No. They both had sought other employment and
- 15 left.
- 16 Q. And your understanding --
- 17 A. They were vindicated by the Attorney General's
- 18 Office. They were never charged.
- 19 Q. And what did you believe the allegations of
- 20 Ms. Houser were against these two men?
- 21 A. What I believe is that I was told she was one of
- 22 the persons that went up to Judge Bayley to try to have this
- 23 matter investigated.
- Q. And what was this matter, sir?
- 25 A. This matter of these men supposedly forging names

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1 on some DUI rosters.

- 2 Q. It had something to do with individuals being
- 3 paid based on the number of individuals in the DUI school?
- 4 A. It had to do with -- what I understand of that
- 5 mess was that Mr. Meuron ran the DUI program and the ARD
- 6 program along with Mike Varner, and Mr. Meuron and
- 7 Mr. Dunsmore taught together. And during their teaching they
- 8 evidently had excused a member of one of their classes to go
- 9 up, move on out to Colorado, and one of the other members
- 10 evidently signed the man in, thinking he was there and forgot
- 11 his signature. So this was concocted to mean that this was a
- 12 criminal offense, a forgery, when it was more of a
- 13 bookkeeping issue. And I think the Attorney General came in,
- 14 interviewed all the members of our staff in the DUI at that
- 15 point and then concluded there was not enough evidence to
- 16 prosecute these men. And --
- MR. MacMAIN: Just answer what she's asking you.
- 18 BY MS. WALLET:
- 19 Q. And did they leave shortly thereafter?
- 20 A. One left early, and then -- one left because he
- 21 went on to a treatment center, and another one left maybe a
- 22 year later.
- Q. Which one left first?
- 24 A. I think Meuron left first. He was hired by Matt
- 25 Talbott House.

- 1 Q. And then Dunsmore left later?
- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. What was your professional relationship to these
- 4 two men?
- 5 A. Just as co-workers.
- Q. Why do you believe that Ms. Houser made these
- 7 allegations?
- 8 MR. MacMAIN: Objection. If you have any
- 9 personal knowledge or belief, you can answer that. I don't
- 10 want you to guess.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 12 BY MS. WALLET:
- 13 Q. Did you believe those allegations to be
- 14 untruthful?
- 15 A. What allegations?
- 16 Q. The allegations against Meuron and Dunsmore.
- 17 A. Made by whom?
- 18 Q. Made by Ms. Houser.
- 19 A. I don't know what Ms. Houser exactly said other
- 20 than she wanted the matter investigated.
- 21 Q. If you remember, sir, I asked you why did you
- 22 believe that Kerry Houser was untruthful, and I understood
- 23 your response to be she was involved in this mess with
- 24 Dunsmore and Meuron, that was one of your reasons why you
- 25 thought she was untruthful. Did I misunderstand?

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- 1 A. No, not at all.
- 2 Q. And what was it that you believed she had done
- 3 that was untruthful with regard to this incident?
- 4 A. I don't think it was in her place to be assessing
- 5 blame to individuals that were innocent of a charge, or
- 6 innocent, and I think she along with other members of the
- 7 office assessed blame to these men before anything was ever
- 8 proven.
- 9 Q. Was it not in her place to bring some evidence of
- 10 impropriety to the judge?
- 11 A. You would have to ask her that.
- 12 Q. Well, you said you didn't think it was in her
- 13 place. Why not?
- 14 A. I didn't think it was in her place to pass a
- 15 rumor without any evidence to substantiate the rumor. And
- 16 that went as well to anybody else that passed the rumor about
- 17 that.
- 18 Q. Was she allied with other people making this
- 19 allegation?
- 20 A. She might have been. Not that -- I don't know if
- 21 she was aligned with them. She was just one of the ones
- 22 along with the others that had contributed to this commotion.
- Q. And who else contributed to the commotion?
- 24 A. Probably Hank Thielemann and Tom Boyer.
- Q. Anyone else?

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- 1 A. You would have to ask Mr. Bolze. He handled that
- 2 investigation initially.
- 3 Q. I'm asking, sir, who else you know was involved
- 4 in this incident?
- 5 MR. MacMAIN: If you know of anyone else that you
- 6 believe.
- 7 THE WITNESS: No. No.
- 8 BY MS. WALLET:
- 9 Q. So Kerry Houser, Hank Thielemann and Tom Boyer
- 10 were the only ones you knew --
- 11 A. And Ken Bolze.
- 12 Q. Who you knew were involved in this?
- 13 A. Who I knew, right.
- 14 Q. Okay. Now, what other incidents are you aware of
- 15 that has caused you to conclude that Ms. Houser is
- 16 untruthful?
- 17 A. Well, it might not be a total matter of
- 18 untruthfulness, but I had had some problems with Mr. Meuron
- 19 when he ran the DUI school, and one particular problem was he
- 20 had --
- 21 MR. MacMAIN: Gary, listen. She asked you if you
- 22 can point to any examples, and if you can't, if it's just
- 23 your sense that you don't think that Kerry Houser is

- 24 completely truthful, okay? So let's just stick with Kerry
- 25 Houser, and if you can, give examples. If it's just your

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- 1 sense that you don't believe she's credible or truthful, then
- 2 that's fine as well. That's all she wants to know.
- 3 THE WITNESS: And that's what I'm getting to. I
- 4 just take a lot longer to get it out.
- 5 What happened was Meuron had purchased some books
- 6 like Don't Help and Under the Influence, and they were a type
- 7 of paperback books that were attributed to the DUI situation.
- 8 And they were like what we consider the Bibles on looking at
- 9 alcohol and alcoholism. So he had purchased these books, and
- 10 he purchased maybe 11 of them. And Mr. Bolze asked me -- you
- 11 know, I said, I didn't get a book.
- 12 And on those books -- I went around to different
- 13 people that Mr. Meuron had distributed the books to and
- 14 said -- I was frustrated because he didn't give me the
- 15 manual, or he didn't give me the book to read, and I was
- 16 complaining about Mr. Meuron. And one of the persons I
- 17 complained to was Kerry Houser. And I -- and she said, well,
- 18 in her quote and in her language, she said, don't you
- 19 understand, Gary, Mr. Bolze lives vicariously through Paul
- 20 Meuron's penis. That was her quote to me. So that's the
- 21 nature of Ms. Houser's comments. And that was one of the

- 22 reasons I never liked Ms. Houser or professionally got along
- 23 with her.
- Q. So you didn't like her language?
- 25 A. I didn't like her language. And in that

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- 1 particular situation that's how she viewed how the
- 2 relationship between Mr. Bolze and Mr. Meuron, that Ken lives
- 3 vicariously through Paul's penis, attributing that to Paul
- 4 Meuron, who was a single man that had different escapades and
- 5 evidently he shared those with Mr. Bolze. So in Kerry's
- 6 glossary review of those two people was summarized in that
- 7 comment.
- 8 Q. And why did that incident lead you to conclude
- 9 that Kerry Houser was untruthful?
- 10 A. That incident made me not trust Kerry Houser
- 11 because I thought it was very inflammatory. I thought it was
- 12 very gender specific, I thought it was, you know, it's very
- 13 frightful.
- Q. What was frightful about it?
- MR. MacMAIN: He just answered that. He
- 16 explained to you.
- 17 BY MS. WALLET:
- 18 Q. Do you have any other incidents that led you to
- 19 conclude that Kerry Houser was an untruthful person?

- 20 A. Not during the Juvenile Probation office. From,
- 21 I've had different people and there's different people
- 22 written letters to the Adult staff and the supervisors
- 23 attributing her to not being truthful. But that can happen
- 24 to any probation officer, so I'm not just saying that happens
- 25 to her specifically. Clients that you deal with always

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- 1 complain about you.
- 2 Q. Do you know any other incidents, you personally,
- 3 know of any other incidents that caused you to conclude that
- 4 Houser was untruthful?
- 5 A. Well, there was an incident where Barbara Varner
- 6 shared with me is that Kerry was -- Barb Varner shared with
- 7 me that Kerry was I quess cited by the Carlisle Police
- 8 Department for a criminal trespass charge for going into her
- 9 husband's lawyer's office when she was going through a
- 10 divorce. And supposedly, according to Ms. Varner who was
- 11 repeating this to me, there was a notice going to be sent to
- 12 our office. And I did see a certified mail laying on Ken
- 13 Bolze's desk regarding that she had had a notice of trespass
- 14 because she was going to Chuck Vohs's professional office,
- 15 who she was married to and had a baby to, and going there and
- 16 in short words, raising hell during the middle of the day to
- 17 the point where the lawyers, Mr. Vohs and his partner, had

- 18 her cited with criminal trespass and was served a criminal
- 19 trespass notice. So that's the other only other incident
- 20 that I know of that came through Mrs. Varner because
- 21 Mrs. Varner told me that.
- 22 Q. And what about that incident involved
- 23 untruthfulness?
- 24 A. It's not an issue of untruthfulness, it's an
- 25 issue of whether I trusted her. And I didn't trust her

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- 1 because of the vicious things that she had done and said.
- 2 Q. Did she say anything vicious about you?
- 3 A. You would have to ask the other people.
- 4 Q. I'm asking you, sir. Do you know of anything
- 5 that she said that was vicious toward you?
- 6 MR. MacMAIN: If you know.
- 7 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I don't remember.
- 8 BY MS. WALLET:
- 9 Q. Did she say anything vicious toward anyone else
- 10 in the Probation office?
- MR. MacMAIN: Again, Gary, that you know of.
- 12 THE WITNESS: No, that I know of.
- 13 BY MS. WALLET:
- 14 Q. Now, you mentioned that you thought other people
- 15 believed her to be untruthful. Correct?

- 16 A. No, I don't remember saying that.
- 17 Q. Well, you said other people wrote letters about
- 18 her untruthfulness. Did I mishear that?
- 19 A. Yeah.
- 20 Q. Okay. Well, were there others who thought she
- 21 was, she, Kerry Houser, was untruthful?
- 22 A. I don't know.
- 23 Q. Well, did other people tell you: I don't trust
- 24 her, she doesn't tell the truth?
- 25 MR. MacMAIN: Other people besides these letters

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- 1 he spoke about?
- 2 MS. WALLET: Yes.
- 3 THE WITNESS: No. I don't know of any other
- 4 incidents that I can recall. I just don't remember. The two
- 5 incidents that I cited were the glaring examples of what I
- 6 remember. I mean, there could have been other incidents.
- 7 BY MS. WALLET:
- 8 Q. Were there people in the Juvenile Probation
- 9 office who didn't like Kerry Houser?
- 10 A. There again, I don't have any specific knowledge
- 11 of who liked her and who didn't like her.
- 12 Q. Did you like her?
- 13 A. Not particularly, ma'am.

- 14 Q. Why not?
- 15 MR. MacMAIN: It's been asked and answered. He's
- 16 already given you reasons and said why. You want him to
- 17 answer again?
- MS. WALLET: Well, I asked him about
- 19 untruthfulness. That's different from whether you like
- 20 somebody.
- 21 MR. MacMAIN: You also asked about like and he
- 22 gave you examples. He said she was vicious and he gave some
- 23 examples of those things.
- 24 BY MS. WALLET:
- 25 Q. Any other reasons why you didn't like her?

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- 1 A. I remember before she was even hired we had a
- 2 Christmas party one time, and at the counter, she stood at
- 3 the counter and told Judge Sheely dirty jokes. And Denny
- 4 Drachbar, you know, brought that to me, too.
- 5 Q. When you say brought that to you --
- 6 A. Well, he heard her out there talking and telling
- 7 the jokes.
- 8 Q. Did you hear her tell the jokes?
- 9 A. I heard her telling the jokes, sure.
- 10 Q. And then you and Drachbar talked about it later?
- 11 A. Yeah, probably, um-hum.

- 12 Q. And what was Drachbar's reaction?
- 13 A. I don't know. I think he said something about
- 14 maybe Judge Sheely will end up hiring her because he, you
- 15 know, she's out there personalizing things to him.
- 16 Q. Why would Drachbar be of that opinion?
- 17 A. Well, I think she had applied at our office.
- 18 Q. Drachbar thought that Judge Sheely would be
- 19 impressed by the fact that she was telling dirty jokes?
- 20 A. You'll have to ask him. I don't -- that's...
- 21 Q. Do your daughters know of your affair?
- 22 A. Yes, they do.
- 23 Q. Are either of your daughters married?
- 24 A. No, ma'am.
- Q. Are they sexually active?

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- 1 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 2 Q. Do you believe you would be aware of it?
- 3 A. I think so, um-hum.
- 4 Q. How would you describe your relationship to your
- 5 daughters?
- 6 A. Excellent.
- 7 Q. How did you tell your daughters about this
- 8 affair?
- 9 A. Just by confessing.

- 10 Q. Well, did you tell them one at a time or both
- 11 together?
- 12 A. I told them individually.
- 13 Q. Which one did you tell first?
- 14 A. I think Andrea, the oldest one, and then Julie.
- 15 Q. All right. When did you do this in relation to
- 16 telling your wife? Was it shortly thereafter, a couple weeks
- 17 after, months after?
- 18 A. No. It was quite a significant amount of time
- 19 after. Maybe two years after. Maybe longer.
- 20 Q. And what prompted you to tell your daughters
- 21 about this?
- 22 A. I think they had seen that my wife and my, our
- 23 relationship had deteriorated after these allegations in this
- 24 lawsuit, and I just felt somewhere along the line they needed
- 25 to know. I wanted to protect them, because they were pretty

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- 1 young teenagers, you know, at the time. So I -- that's what
- 2 prompted me, just a cleansing.
- 3 Q. And what did you tell Andrea about this affair?
- 4 A. I just said that I had been involved in an
- 5 extramarital affair and that I was sorry.
- 6 Q. Did you tell her with whom?
- 7 A. I think Barb Varner -- I don't think she knew who

- 8 that was.
- 9 Q. Did you mention Barb Varner by name?
- 10 A. I think so. Or a lady at work. And I think she
- 11 knows it was Barb Varner.
- 12 Q. Did your daughters ever meet Ms. Varner?
- 13 A. On one occasion my oldest daughter met her. She
- 14 come into the courthouse and we met, Barb and I had met in
- 15 the coffee room. And Andrea was a swimmer at the time and
- 16 Barb had, Barb Varner had talked about her being a water
- 17 safety instructor. And actually, Barb Varner I think gave my
- 18 daughter some, I don't know, I think it was comic books at
- 19 the time or something, that pertained to swimming. My
- 20 daughter's been a swimmer and was a water safety instructor
- 21 and was a lifeguard.
- 22 Q. And did you tell Andrea that this was the woman
- 23 that she had met and gave her the comic books?
- 24 A. I don't think she remembers, though.
- Q. Did you tell Andrea that it went on for a number

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- 1 of years?
- 2 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 3 Q. What was her reaction?
- 4 A. She's disappointed.
- 5 Q. What did she say that caused you to believe she

- 6 was disappointed?
- 7 A. She said, how could you do that to us.
- 8 Q. And what did you respond?
- 9 A. I responded that it was a very selfish thing to
- 10 do.

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- 11 Q. And now, you spoke to your daughter Julie on a
- 12 separate occasion, correct?
- 13 A. Yeah.
- 14 Q. Shortly after Andrea?
- 15 A. No. I don't know the time frame, no. It
- 16 wouldn't have been shortly -- I think Andrea knew it for a
- 17 longer period. And I think her mother had told them both,
- 18 that it was -- and I had told them my part of it.
- 19 Q. Did their mother tell them before you told them?
- 20 A. She might have, yes.
- Q. Why do you believe that?
- 22 A. Well, I think -- I had asked my wife to try to
- 23 conceal this from the kids and not interrupt them, and she
- 24 said, well, it's going to have to come out sometime. So I
- 25 think she mentioned it to them at one juncture. And then

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them individually, you know, came to me and asked probing

- 2 questions to the point where I talked to them about it.
- I think Julie, I remember I was coming back from

- 4 the York fair and said something in the car and --
- 5 Q. Just you and she?
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. And you brought up the subject?
- 8 A. She brought up the subject.
- 9 Q. What did she say to you?
- 10 A. Did you have a affair with this woman, why would
- 11 you do that.
- 12 Q. And then you were --
- 13 A. Can I get a drink?
- MS. WALLET: Sure.
- MR. DELLASEGA: I wouldn't mind five minutes.
- 16 (Recess taken from 10:26 until 10:35 a.m.)
- 17 BY MS. WALLET:
- 18 Q. When we took the break I believe you were telling
- 19 me she brought up the subject when you and she were coming
- 20 home from York?
- 21 A. Yes, coming home from the York fair.
- Q. What did she say to you?
- 23 A. Just said, Dad, you know, how could you have done
- 24 that to Mom and us.
- Q. And how did you respond to Julie?

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1 A. I told her the same thing, it was a very selfish

- 2 thing to do, and her mother and I's relationship had
- 3 deteriorated over the years, and I stepped outside the
- 4 marriage.
- 5 Q. Now, you married your wife on what day?
- 6 A. August 14th of '82.
- 7 Q. And did you marry in a traditional religious
- 8 service?
- 9 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 10 Q. And did you take what I would consider to be
- 11 traditional religious vows?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did you believe that this relationship with
- 14 Ms. Varner was a breaking of those vows?
- 15 A. Yes, it was.
- 16 Q. I believe I asked you this question, but indulge
- 17 me, it's been a while since I talked to you. Did you break
- 18 your vows with regard to any other individual during the
- 19 course of your marriage?
- 20 A. No, ma'am.
- 21 Q. Now, you said that your marriage had deteriorated
- 22 and you thought that your daughters were aware of that.
- 23 Correct?
- 24 A. Maybe deteriorated wasn't a good word. It was --
- 25 maybe I could use the word just a matter of consumption. We

- 1 were just at -- we were just consumed with everything in the
- 2 marriage, trying to earn a living, trying to both occupy two
- 3 separate jobs, trying to raise two children.
- 4 Q. From 1982 until when you initiated this affair
- 5 with Ms. Varner, would you consider your marriage to have
- 6 been a happy one?
- 7 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 8 Q. Did you complain to anyone in the Probation
- 9 office about the condition of your marriage?
- 10 A. In what time frame?
- 11 Q. Between 1982 and approximately 1990 when I
- 12 believe you've said you began this relationship.
- 13 A. No. No.
- 14 Q. Did you ever talk about your wife's sexual
- 15 preferences in the office during that time period?
- 16 A. No, ma'am.
- 17 Q. Did you ever talk about you and your wife's
- 18 sexual relationship with others in the office?
- 19 A. In what regard?
- 20 Q. Her sexual appetites, your sexual appetites?
- 21 A. No, to those questions.
- Q. How about preferences?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Did you complain about her love making, in the
- 25 office?

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1 A. I would probably say that we weren't active

- 2 enough, however.
- 3 Q. You wanted sex more often than she did?
- 4 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 5 Q. And you would have said that in the office?
- 6 A. I might have, sure.
- 7 Q. Was there some one individual in the office with
- 8 whom you were particularly close and you confided these
- 9 things?
- 10 A. Not really. Just shared on a general basis, just
- 11 shared conversation between guys, mostly. Not girls or gals
- 12 that were in the -- or the women that were in the office.
- 13 Q. Did you have one person that you considered to be
- 14 your best friend in the office?
- 15 A. I didn't have a real best friend. I could have a
- 16 best co-worker, I would say. Denny Drachbar and I did a lot
- 17 of things together, as well as Joe and I did a number of
- 18 things together. And Tom Boyer and I used to have a good
- 19 relationship. So there was some that I had better
- 20 relationships than others.
- 21 Q. Okay. Now, I'm talking about the period between
- 22 1982 and 1990. Did you go out drinking with individuals in
- 23 the office?
- 24 A. I can't recall. I could have.
- 25 Q. Did you go out drinking with Mr. Osenkarski?

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1 A. No. Not specifically, no.
2 Q. Well, did you go out in groups where

- 3 Mr. Osenkarski was there and you were there?
- 4 A. Probably. I think when Kerry first joined the
- 5 staff she lived above the hardware store across from the
- 6 courthouse and she hosted a couple parties over there. And I
- 7 think when Deb Graeff retired, I think Kerry hosted a party
- 8 there. But specifically to go out with somebody to drink,
- 9 I'm not really a -- I wouldn't consider myself a drinker.
- 10 Q. Do you keep alcohol in your home?
- 11 A. No, ma'am.
- 12 Q. Why is that?
- 13 A. I don't use it. My wife doesn't use it.
- 14 Q. Is your wife opposed to it?
- 15 A. We just don't use it. She's not opposed to it.
- 16 Q. Does she drink socially?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Would you say you are a social drinker?
- 19 A. No. I wouldn't describe myself as a social
- 20 director, either.
- 21 Q. But you're not opposed to the intake of alcohol?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Now, these gatherings that involved probation
- 24 officers, did you take your wife to those gatherings?

25 A. I don't really recall, no, taking my wife to

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- 1 Kerry's place.
- Q. Do you believe that your wife was present with
- 3 you when you were socializing with any of the groups of
- 4 probation officers?
- 5 A. I think she was on occasion, sure.
- 6 Q. Did you ever lie to your wife about where you
- 7 were going when you were going to go out with other probation
- 8 officers?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Did you ever tell other probation officers that
- 11 you had lied to your wife about where you were?
- 12 A. You'll have to give me specifics. I don't know,
- 13 that's a generalized -- I don't even know what you're getting
- 14 at.
- 15 Q. You don't remember?
- MR. MacMAIN: Objection. He said he didn't
- 17 understand your question.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I don't understand.
- 19 MR. MacMAIN: He can't answer your question, he
- 20 doesn't understand it.
- 21 BY MS. WALLET:
- 22 Q. Did you ever tell any other probation officer

- 23 that you had lied to your wife about where you were?
- 24 A. Not that I recall.
- 25 Q. Did you ever observe Mr. Osenkarski in an

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- 1 intoxicated state?
- 2 A. Does intoxicated state imply that he was out of
- 3 control or in control?
- 4 Q. Either one.
- 5 A. Probably -- I've seen Joe many times when he's
- 6 been drinking and maybe somebody would call him intoxicated.
- 7 Was he out of control? No.
- 8 Q. Were there any times when the individuals present
- 9 would not permit him to drive?
- 10 A. I don't -- no, I don't have any idea what you're
- 11 talking about there.
- 12 Q. Were there times when you observed Mr. Osenkarski
- 13 in a state in which you would not want him to be behind the
- 14 wheel?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Did you ever take him home because you thought he
- 17 was intoxicated?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Are you aware of other times when individuals
- 20 took him home because they thought he was intoxicated?

- 21 MR. MacMAIN: Objection to form of the question.
- THE WITNESS: I don't know what other people did
- 23 with Mr. Osenkarski.
- 24 BY MS. WALLET:
- 25 Q. Did you ever observe Mr. Osenkarski to drink

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- 1 alcoholic beverages during the workday?
- 2 A. I never observed him drinking during the workday.
- 3 Q. Including lunch time?
- 4 A. Including lunch time.
- 5 Q. Are you currently engaged in a dispute with your
- 6 sister regarding your parents' estate?
- 7 MR. MacMAIN: Objection. What --
- 8 THE WITNESS: No. I can just answer that.
- 9 BY MS. WALLET:
- 10 Q. Is there a dispute regarding the distribution of
- 11 your parents' estate?
- 12 A. Not at all, ma'am. In fact, that was finalized
- 13 and you can look it up in the courthouse.
- 14 Q. And when was that finalized?
- 15 A. Well, after my mom's death in 1998. Steve Tiley
- 16 was her attorney and he was -- and you can check with that.
- 17 Q. Did you make any claims against the estate for

- 18 expenses that you believed were incurred during your mother's
- 19 lifetime?
- 20 MR. MacMAIN: Let me just object. Hold on. I
- 21 don't see how there's any conceivable relevance to any
- 22 disputes in his mother's estate or could lead to relevant
- 23 evidence. If you want to make an offer of proof as to how in
- 24 the world this could have any conceivable relevance to the
- 25 issues in the case, I'm happy to reconsider.

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- 1 MS. WALLET: Well, as I understand it, the expert
- 2 that's been retained by the county defendant is going to
- 3 review the deposition transcript as part of his expert
- 4 report. The relationship of Mr. Graham to other women is
- 5 certainly very relevant to the issue of whether or not he has
- 6 the predisposition to be a sexually harassing individual, and
- 7 his relationship to other women includes his family.
- 8 MR. MacMAIN: I don't see how a dispute over an
- 9 estate, which he's already said there wasn't, could have any
- 10 relevance to that issue.
- 11 But I mean, I would just also note that we went
- 12 five-and-a-half hours the other day and we're getting -- I'm
- 13 going to allow you some liberty, as you did with us with more
- 14 than the seven hours, but not a whole lot beyond that. And
- 15 I'd like to get to the issues that are directly related to

- 16 the issues in this case that you may want to explore rather
- 17 than I think on awful tangential issues, if even tangential
- 18 at all.
- 19 MS. WALLET: I understand.
- 20 BY MS. WALLET:
- Q. Did you understand my question?
- 22 A. You'll have to repeat it, I'm sorry.
- 23 Q. Did you make any claims against the estate
- 24 regarding expenses that you incurred during your mother's
- 25 lifetime?

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- 1 A. No, ma'am.
- 2 Q. Did you assert a claim for a less-than-even
- 3 distribution of your mother's estate?
- 4 A. No, ma'am.
- 5 Q. So there were no disputes whatever regarding the
- 6 settlement of your mother's estate?
- 7 A. None whatsoever.
- 8 Q. At least no disputes with your sister?
- 9 A. It's the only other remaining person.
- 10 Q. Now, you said that your relationship with your
- 11 wife had deteriorated. Is that one of the reasons why you
- 12 sought out a extramarital affair?
- 13 A. That could have been one the factors. I did

- 14 clarify that deteriorated isn't the best word.
- 15 Q. Well, how would you --
- 16 A. Strained. I would say it was strained.
- 17 Q. Did you ever use the term: I will punish my
- 18 wife?
- 19 A. No, ma'am.
- Q. Did you ever use words to that effect?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Did you ever use that term in relationship to
- women who worked with you in the Probation office?
- 24 A. No, ma'am.
- 25 Q. Since the revelation of this affair, would you

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- 1 describe your marriage as a happy one?
- 2 A. Since this relevation, what do you mean by
- 3 relevation? Coming to light?
- 4 Q. Since you told your wife about the affair how
- 5 would you describe your marriage?
- 6 A. Good.
- 7 Q. Immediately good, or take a while?
- 8 A. My wife's a very forgiving individual, but it
- 9 took quite some time.
- 10 Q. Did she ever make any statements to you about
- 11 Barbara Varner?

- 12 A. In what context?
- 13 Q. Well, did she ever say: I dislike Barbara
- 14 Varner?
- 15 A. Sure.
- 16 Q. What did she say?
- 17 A. Well, she was resentful towards her as well as
- 18 me.
- 19 Q. What did she say about Barbara Varner?
- 20 A. I think she said how selfish Ms. Varner was. I
- 21 think she made a comment about, you know, her children were
- 22 raised and her children were out of her home, and our
- 23 children were still within our home, and my wife saw that as
- 24 a very selfish issue with Ms. Varner.
- 25 Q. Did your wife call Barbara Varner a bitch?

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- A. No, ma'am.
- Q. Did she use any other terms?
- 3 A. Other than liar, I don't think anything else.
- Q. Did your wife express to you a hatred toward
- 5 Barbara Varner?

- 6 A. No, I don't think my wife would hate her. I
- 7 think my wife was disappointed in myself and her. I wouldn't
- 8 say she hated her, no. She never displayed any hatred toward
- 9 Barb Varner.

- 10 Q. Now, you're aware, are you not, that Ms. Varner
- 11 made some complaints about your wife's conduct, correct?
- 12 A. Yes, I am, ma'am.
- 13 Q. And were you present on any of the occasions when
- 14 Ms. Varner and your wife were in the same vicinity?
- 15 A. The only occasion I recall is the one day in
- 16 March, I think right before I was terminated, this happened
- on a -- we had, my wife and I had gone home to eat. And we
- 18 met Ms. Varner at a blind corner walking out of the
- 19 courthouse, and Ms. Varner walked directly into the path of
- 20 my wife and they bumped shoulders.
- Q. What was said at the time?
- 22 A. I think just excuse me.
- Q. Who said that?
- 24 A. I think both of them said it to each other. This
- 25 is a -- I don't know how to explain it but it's a completely

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- 1 blind corner, and Ms. Varner was coming out of the parking
- 2 lot and we were coming down the street on a narrow sidewalk,
- 3 and we were walking right beside this building. And it was
- 4 like, I guess, I think it was, I guess I interpreted it as
- 5 a -- I saw her coming just at the last minute and stopped,
- 6 and my wife never saw her coming and they neither one would
- 7 fail to yield the right of way to each other. So they

- 8 brushed shoulders.
- 9 Q. And the only thing that was said was excuse me?
- 10 A. Yeah.
- 11 Q. Your wife didn't say anything else to Ms. Varner?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Ms. Varner didn't say anything else to your wife?
- 14 A. No. Or I don't recall. I don't recall any other
- 15 conversation.
- 16 Q. Now, your wife and Ms. Varner parked in the same
- 17 parking lot, correct?
- 18 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 19 Q. And were you aware that Ms. Varner moved her
- 20 parking space from closer to your wife's space to farther
- 21 away?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. You never knew that?
- 24 A. I knew it after -- I knew after this came out,
- 25 you know. But my wife never told me about it, no.

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- 2 A. No, ma'am.
- 3 Q. What did your wife tell you about that district
- 4 justice hearing?

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- 5 A. She didn't tell me anything other than she was
- 6 vindicated from the charges that Ms. Varner brought.
- 7 Q. Is your wife a quiet or a loud person?
- 8 A. Ouiet.
- 9 Q. Does she talk a lot about personal things?
- 10 A. Give me an example.
- 11 Q. Well, does she speak with girlfriends about her
- 12 personal relationship with you?
- 13 A. No. My wife's a very private person.
- Q. Does she have a best friend?
- 15 A. Probably.
- 16 Q. You don't know?
- 17 A. I don't know what you mean by best friend.
- 18 Q. Does she have a person in whom she confides her
- 19 private things?
- 20 A. Probably not.
- Q. Does she confide in you?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Was there a time when that was not so?
- 24 A. Not that I can recall.
- 25 Q. Is it accurate to say that your wife was angry

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- with you that you had an extramarital affair?
- 2 A. Probably disappointed.

- 3 Q. Not angry?
- A. What do you mean by angry, then?
- 5 Q. Did she shout at you?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Did she give you the cold shoulder for a while?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Did she deny you sexual relations for a while?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Did you go to marital counseling?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 O. When?
- 14 A. I don't recall.
- 15 Q. Well, shortly after you told her of the affair,
- 16 or before?
- 17 A. After.
- 18 Q. Shortly after, or several years after?
- 19 A. Probably within -- it was June. Probably within
- 20 a couple, maybe five months, six months.
- 21 Q. And how long did you go to counseling?
- 22 A. Maybe one or two years.
- O. How often?
- 24 A. Infrequently. We used the EAP services of the
- 25 county, or what's the acronym, I'm not sure.

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- 1 Q. The EAP program?
- 2 A. The Employee Assistance Program, EAP, yeah.
- 3 Q. Did you go to the same counselor, that is, you
- 4 and she went to the same counselor?
- 5 A. Initially, no. And then I ended up going to the
- 6 counselor she used. There was -- or the counselor she was
- 7 seeing.
- 8 Q. So initially she went to one person. Did you go
- 9 to someone else?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And then you stopped going to your person and you
- 12 went to hers?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. Was that a recommendation, that you use the same
- 15 counselor?
- 16 A. No. It just seemed to be more productive.
- 17 Q. Are you in counseling now?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Other than marital counseling, have you engaged
- 20 in any personal counseling?
- 21 A. No, ma'am.
- 22 Q. So other than the individuals that you saw during
- 23 this one- to two-year period, you've not seen anyone else for
- 24 counseling of yourself?
- 25 A. That's correct.

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- 1 Q. Mr. Osenkarski testified that he told you that he
- 2 had been told by the judge's secretary that you might be
- 3 fired. Do you remember that testimony?
- A. I don't recall that testimony, no.
- 5 Q. Did Mr. Osenkarski tell you that the judge's
- 6 secretary had told him that the both of you may be fired?
- 7 A. No. I don't think Joe said anything to me about
- 8 that. I think -- I wouldn't say a definitive no, but I think
- 9 the entire office knew what Ms. Varner's pursuits were.
- 10 Q. And how did they know that?
- 11 A. I have no idea. I think she -- well, for six
- 12 months she ran around and had secret clandestine meetings
- 13 with a select group of disgruntled employees. I mean, every
- 14 morning she would meet with Barry Hair, prior to at 7:30 in
- 15 the morning she would meet with Mark Galbraith, she would
- 16 meet with Nicole Galbraith, Kerry Houser. It was a regular
- 17 routine for her to go around and tell these different people,
- 18 you know, what she was involved with against Joe and I. And
- 19 so I mean, that's just the nature of how it happened.
- 20 My mother was dying from September of '97 till
- 21 January of '98. When she was dying, she was diagnosed as a
- 22 terminal patient with aortic aneurysms and I was consumed
- 23 with taking care of my mother. And this woman, Barbara
- 24 Varner, just went around every morning with a heyday trying
- 25 to tell exactly any story she could tell about Joe and I and

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- 1 trying to get us fired and trying to get us demoted.
- 2 You weren't very happy about that, were you?
- 3 Α. I didn't know anything about it because -- I
- 4 didn't have a happy or sad face about it.
- 5 Q. You didn't know anything about it because you
- 6 weren't in the Juvenile Probation office at the time?
- 7 Oh, yeah, I was in Juvenile Probation at the Α.
- 8 time.
- 9 Well, did you observe this conduct or didn't you? Q.
- 10 I watched her do this, right. Α.
- 11 Q. So when you say I didn't know anything about
- 12 it --
- 13 I don't know what the --Α.
- You watched it happen? 14 Q.
- 15 Α. I watched her go have these office meetings with
- 16 these individuals, sure.
- 17 Ο. And what did you say about that?
- 18 I didn't say a thing about it. Α.
- 19 Q. You didn't go to Joe Osenkarski and say: What's
- 20 she wasting time doing this for?
- 21 Α. I probably did say that.
- 22 Q. What else did you tell him?
- 23 Tell who? Α.
- 24 Q. Mr. Osenkarski.
- 25 Α. Nothing.

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1 Q. Well, did you complain at any time about Barbara

- 2 Varner and the way in which she acted toward you?
- 3 A. I don't recall any specific complaints.
- 4 Q. Did you ever make any written complaints about
- 5 Barbara Varner?
- A. No, ma'am.
- 7 Q. Did you make any oral complaints that you
- 8 remember right now to Mr. Osenkarski about Barbara Varner?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. What did you think of Ms. Varner's professional
- 11 capability?
- 12 A. She was adequate. Adequate.
- 13 Q. Limit it to the period of time that you
- 14 supervised her.
- 15 A. Okay. Adequate.
- 16 Q. How would you rank her among the probation
- 17 officers that you supervised?
- 18 A. In what regard of ranking?
- 19 Q. Let's talk about total conduct in the workplace.
- 20 A. She was appropriate as far as her conduct in the
- 21 workplace.
- Q. What about quantity of work?

- 23 A. Probably marginal --
- Q. How about quality?
- 25 A. -- to average. Marginal to average. She didn't

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- 1 excel, so.
- What was your other question, I'm sorry?
- 3 Q. Quality of work.
- 4 A. Satisfactory. Sometimes commendable.
- 5 Q. Relationship with others?
- 6 A. Good. Commendable.
- 7 Q. Knowledge of her professional work?
- 8 A. She was inexperienced when I -- she was
- 9 inexperienced, so her knowledge was lacking as to how to
- 10 prepare reports.
- 11 Q. Did you make any complaints about Ms. Varner's
- 12 work performance to anyone during the period of time that you
- 13 supervised her?
- 14 MR. MacMAIN: Including Ms. Varner? Or are you
- 15 talking about --
- MS. WALLET: Correct.
- 17 MR. MacMAIN: Or are you talking about people
- 18 above them?
- 19 THE WITNESS: I complained to her.
- 20 BY MS. WALLET:

- Q. What complaints did you make to her?
- 22 A. Just different things that she was omitting on
- 23 her reports.
- Q. Specifically what was she omitting?
- 25 A. Petition numbers. She was dropping charges. She

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- 1 didn't carry the charge from the police report onto the
- 2 juvenile petitions. She didn't identify victims and where
- 3 the restitution went. She didn't differentiate between adult
- 4 co-defendants and juvenile accomplices, because we would get
- 5 juveniles charged with certain crimes and we would be
- 6 processing them much sooner than the adult counterpart, and
- 7 she would never differentiate between who was involved and
- 8 what their status was. She -- there was a multitude of
- 9 different memorandums I gave to her.
- 10 Q. And after you brought these to her attention, did
- 11 she change the way in which she did reports?
- 12 A. Sometimes she resented my corrections. And as
- 13 Joe testified to yesterday, we were consumed with other
- 14 things, I mean, other areas of trying -- pursuits when we
- 15 split these staffs. So I finally got so frustrated after
- 16 giving her the memos two and three different times, I'd say,
- 17 please get your work reviewed by one of the senior POs before
- 18 you give it to me.

- 19 Q. And who did you expect would review her work
- 20 before it came to you?
- 21 A. Either Sam Miller or Denny Drachbar or Darby
- 22 Christlieb, any of the senior POs that could help her with
- 23 correcting the deficiencies in her work.
- Q. Did you complain to Sam Miller about Ms. Varner's
- 25 work?

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- 1 A. He complained to me about her work. And he
- 2 complained to me about always helping her, and he thought it
- 3 was unfair that I was always assisting her and in writing her
- 4 petitions, assisting her in writing her reports. He and
- 5 Drachbar. They were very experienced men, been on staff for
- 6 a long time, handled, you know, a lot of intensive work. And
- 7 he thought -- they were giving me a hard time all the time
- 8 for helping her with her work.
- 9 Fran Rose would give me a hard time how -- she
- 10 was a secretary, kept coming to me where Ms. Varner would be
- 11 omitting things that the judge wanted on the reports.
- 12 Q. Okay. Now, you said that Miller and Drachbar
- 13 complained to you?
- 14 A. For helping her.
- 15 Q. Because they had to help Ms. Varner? Didn't I
- 16 understand that correctly?

- 17 A. No. They complained to me for overly helping
- 18 Ms. Varner all the time, in saying, you know, you don't offer
- 19 that service to anyone else in here, how come she's the only
- 20 one that gets, you know, all the time, and why are you always
- 21 doing her petitions, she's never going to learn how to do
- them while you keep doing them for her.
- 23 Q. I understood you to say that you got tired of it
- 24 after a while and you told her to take her work to one of the
- 25 other senior POs?

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- 1 A. On a couple occasions I gave her the same
- 2 correction memorandum two and three different times.
- 3 Q. Okay. And one of those individuals would be
- 4 Mr. Miller. Is it your testimony that Mr. Miller complained
- 5 to you because he didn't want to review Ms. Varner's work?
- 6 A. No. No. He was obligated, you know, to review
- 7 her work since I had asked him to help her with her
- 8 deficiencies in her reports.
- 9 Q. Now, did Mr. Drachbar complain to you about
- 10 having to review Ms. Varner's work?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. But Fran Rose, the secretary, did?
- 13 A. Fran Rose came to me repeatedly in things that
- 14 she would miss on her reports. And Judge Sheely would call

- down and say, you know, I've been through this before,
- 16 there's no petition numbers on this juvenile petition.
- 17 Q. Was Ms. Varner the only individual about whom
- 18 there were these complaints?
- 19 A. No, ma'am.
- Q. Was it a common complaint?
- 21 A. Well, there was a -- in that one time period
- 22 there was probably a couple memos a month, you know, or a
- 23 couple, you know, just one right after the other probably
- 24 leading into this April 29th meeting down when she made her
- 25 complaints with the county. I had probably gave her a memo

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- 1 every month that preceded that from November or December.
- 2 I'm not sure. You're asking me to go back six, seven years
- 3 on memos on specific cases that I haven't had any access to.
- 4 Q. Do you have any of those memos in your personal
- 5 possession?
- 6 A. Sure.
- 7 MS. WALLET: Are you going to supplement your
- 8 interrogatories?
- 9 MR. MacMAIN: Yes. I can give them to you. I
- 10 figured these questions would be asked so I made --
- 11 MS. WALLET: Do I take this to be the complete
- 12 supplementation of the production request?

- 13 MR. MacMAIN: Not complete. This is one packet
- 14 of information in regard to your question. You want to mark
- 15 this or do you want to ask about it?
- MS. WALLET: No. We'll have to take that up at
- 17 another time, I'm afraid.
- 18 BY MS. WALLET:
- 19 Q. You said earlier, prior to your being terminated.
- 20 Was that just a slip of the tongue? Mr. Graham?
- 21 A. A slip of the tongue? I was terminated from the
- 22 Juvenile Probation office.
- 23 Q. Why do you believe that you were terminated as
- 24 opposed to simply transferred?
- 25 A. Because I went out of one department and into a

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- 1 completely different department.
- 2 Q. And that was not your choice?
- 3 A. No, ma'am.
- 4 Q. That was Judge Hoffer's choice?
- 5 A. Well, that's interesting, too. I don't know
- 6 whose choice it was because I don't know who employs me.
- 7 Q. When you say you don't know who employs you, what
- 8 do you mean by that?
- 9 A. Be it the county did the investigation, and the
- 10 Court, you know, provided me direction on where I was headed.

- 11 Q. Okay. Well, did you doubt that Judge Hoffer had
- 12 the ability to transfer you?
- 13 A. I've never agreed with the action he took against
- 14 me, Ms. Wallet.
- 15 Q. My question would be: Whether or not you agreed,
- 16 did you have any reason to believe he did not have the
- 17 authority to take some action against you?
- MR. MacMAIN: Do you understand the question?
- Do you mind if I attempt to rephrase it?
- MS. WALLET: Sure.
- 21 MR. MacMAIN: What she wants to know is, it was
- 22 not your decision to be transferred to your current position,
- 23 but now I guess her question is do you know who had the
- 24 authority to make the decision? And if you don't, you don't.
- 25 If you do, you do. What she's asking is what you know.

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- 1 THE WITNESS: I don't know if he had the
- 2 authority to do what he did.
- 3 BY MS. WALLET:
- 4 Q. Why is it that you don't know?
- 5 A. I think it's the same issue that's been debated
- 6 for years, whether Probation staff is a court-related
- 7 function or a county-related function.
- 8 Q. What do you think?

- 9 A. Oh, I think it's a court-related function.
- 10 Q. So if it's court related why didn't Judge Hoffer
- 11 have the ability to transfer you?
- 12 MR. MacMAIN: Let me object. I think you're
- 13 asking him really a legal conclusion on what he believes the
- 14 law to be. I don't think he can answer that. He's told you
- 15 what he thinks. I think going further why he -- his opinion
- on a legal issue I think would be inappropriate.
- 17 MS. WALLET: Well, I don't think I'm asking him a
- 18 legal issue. I'm asking him why he believes that Judge
- 19 Hoffer might not have the ability to transfer him. That's a
- 20 fact, that's not a legal conclusion.
- 21 MR. MacMAIN: If you know, Gary.
- THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 23 BY MS. WALLET:
- Q. Did you think that the county, i.e., the county
- 25 personnel officer, would have the ability to transfer you?

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- 1 MR. MacMAIN: Same objection, but answer it if
- 2 you know.
- 3 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I don't know.
- 4 BY MS. WALLET:
- 5 Q. Well, what did you think would happen as a result
- 6 of an investigation of some complaint against you?

- 7 A. What did I think would happen?
- 8 Q. Well, let me be more precise. What did you think
- 9 the procedure should have been? Someone makes a complaint
- 10 about you. What did you think the procedure should have
- 11 been?
- 12 A. I think the complaint should have been made to
- 13 Judge Sheely initially and not to the county Human Relations
- 14 division.
- 15 Q. And why do you believe that?
- 16 A. Because I considered him as the employer.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. I mean, he's the man that hired and disciplined
- 19 and reviewed our work, and we did 99.9 percent of our
- 20 activities as court-related matters.
- 21 Q. Okay. And who would have investigated that
- 22 complaint?
- 23 A. Probably the judge, if it would have gone to him,
- 24 but it didn't.
- 25 Q. So you thought the judge should have done all of

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- 1 this?
- A. Absolutely. You know, not Judge Hoffer.
- 3 Q. Now, if Judge Sheely had the ability to do it,

- 4 why wouldn't Judge Hoffer?
- 5 A. Because the incident of complaints preceded any
- 6 involvement of Judge Hoffer. Judge Hoffer was only on the
- 7 bench in January of '98. The complaints that Ms. Varner was
- 8 making had preceded all those. So his authority -- like
- 9 Mr. MacMain said, I'm not trying to offer some legal
- 10 explanations, but I don't know where his authority extended
- 11 into the activities I had been alleged to have done prior to
- 12 him sitting in the administrative judge's position on the
- 13 bench. And he was, you know, he was put there in January of
- 14 '98. And I was -- he made a decision against me in March
- 9th, I think or March 7th, March 9th of '98, less than 40
- 16 days thereafter. Because I was off two weeks for my mother's
- 17 death and for my wife's grandmother's death. So there was a
- 18 juncture of about 40 days of employment that I was under
- 19 Judge Hoffer's jurisdictional bounds.
- Q. And you didn't think that was long enough for him
- 21 to reach any conclusion about your performance?
- 22 A. I didn't say that. No.

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- 23 Q. What's the significance of the 40 days, sir?
- 24 A. That's the threshold of time that I considered
- 25 myself under Judge Hoffer's purview of employment.

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Q. And you didn't think that was long enough?

- 2 A. No. That's just factually how long he was on the
- 3 bench as president judge as an administrator of the Probation
- 4 Department, during that juncture from January 1st till I was
- 5 demoted and sent to the prison.
- 6 Q. Well, did you think he had long enough to judge
- 7 your work performance?
- 8 MR. MacMAIN: Objection. It's been asked and
- 9 answered.
- 10 THE WITNESS: It's his prerogative.
- 11 BY MS. WALLET:
- 12 Q. Would you agree, sir, that your performance
- 13 evaluations have always been at least satisfactory, if not
- 14 commendable?
- 15 A. I would think they were satisfactory and
- 16 commendable, yes.
- 17 Q. Do you recall, sir, that the one area that you
- 18 tended to be rated lower in was interpersonal relations and
- 19 Affirmative Action?
- 20 A. You would have to show me those, because I don't
- 21 recall that.
- 22 Q. Did anyone ever come to you and explain to you
- 23 why you were rated lower in that area than in the other
- 24 areas?
- 25 MR. MacMAIN: Object. He said he couldn't --

- 1 THE WITNESS: I don't know what you're saying.
- 2 MR. MacMAIN: Hold on, Gary.
- I object. He said he doesn't know that he was
- 4 rated lower in those areas, so to ask him other questions
- 5 you're assuming something he doesn't know whether it's true
- 6 or not.
- 7 BY MS. WALLET:
- 8 Q. Did anyone ever speak to you, sir, about your
- 9 conduct in the area of interpersonal relations or Affirmative
- 10 Action?
- 11 A. No, ma'am.
- 12 Q. And that would be true of Mr. Osenkarski?
- 13 A. Mr. Osenkarski.
- 14 Q. Mr. Bolze?
- 15 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 16 Q. And who currently does your performance
- 17 evaluations, sir?
- 18 A. Lyle Herr and I guess John Roller, I guess the
- 19 two of them. And Mike Varner has done them in the past.
- 20 I've been given three different supervisors, so it started
- 21 with Herr, it went to Varner, now it's back to Herr again,
- 22 so.
- 23 Q. And your testimony, sir, is none of those
- 24 individuals has ever spoken to you about the area of
- 25 interpersonal relations, slash, Affirmative Action?

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- 1 A. No, ma'am.
- 2 Q. Before you met with Judge Sheely did you know
- 3 that you might possibly be terminated from your employment?
- 4 A. No, ma'am.
- 5 Q. Did you think that that was at least a
- 6 possibility in the range of potential disciplinary action?
- 7 A. You're asking me what I thought on --
- 8 Q. Yes.
- 9 A. In regard to what? Whether I would be
- 10 terminated? Is that what you're saying?
- 11 Q. I asked you, did you think that there was a
- 12 possibility that you might be terminated before you met with
- 13 Judge Sheely in or about July of 1997?
- 14 A. I don't know a thing about anything that was
- 15 going on, and I didn't interrupt anything that was going on
- 16 and I knew nothing about what was going on other than what
- 17 the county had called me down on the 29th of April. So any
- 18 subsequent investigation, any subsequent report, any
- 19 subsequent actions, I knew nothing about and heard nothing
- 20 about, period.
- 21 Q. Did you have any discussions with the judge's
- 22 secretary about the possibility of your being terminated?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. If the judge's secretary, and I'm speaking of
- 25 Sandy, now, did she ever engage you in a conversation about

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- 1 your employment in the Probation office?
- 2 A. No, ma'am.
- 3 Q. When you went to see Judge Sheely the first time,
- 4 I believe you told me you had two conversations with him,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. Yeah. I think I have that straight now. I
- 7 wasn't very clear the last time, so.
- 8 Q. Okay. Well, tell me what you remember now about
- 9 how many times you met with him and when.
- 10 A. I only met with him -- I testified earlier that
- 11 Hank Thielemann came downstairs and I think he had summoned
- 12 different people upstairs over the course of the events to
- 13 find out what was going on, or what he knew, what they knew
- 14 about what was going on. I'm not sure of that. That's just
- 15 another rumor that passed around.
- 16 Q. I'm not asking you, sir, for rumors. I'm asking
- 17 you to tell me how many times did you meet with Judge Sheely
- 18 regarding --
- 19 A. I think twice.
- 20 Q. -- Ms. Varner's complaints?
- 21 A. Twice. I went up on my own after Hank said, I
- 22 think he's going to transfer you, Gary. I said, what do you
- 23 mean he's going to transfer me. And he said, you better go

- 24 up there and just talk to him.
- 25 And so I went up and I asked if I could have time

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- 1 to talk to him. And I went in and I basically at that
- 2 juncture said, Judge Sheely, this is not about sexual
- 3 harassment in our office, it's about me having a consensual
- 4 affair with Barb Varner.
- 5 Q. Just the two of you?
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. Then I think I got together with Dave Foster the
- 9 next day at, like, 11 o'clock or something, or 11:30, right
- 10 before lunch, I think we both went in.
- 11 Q. Okay. And who was there that time?
- 12 A. Just I think Dave Foster and myself and Judge
- 13 Sheely.
- 14 Q. Do you remember anything more about what happened
- 15 at that 11 o'clock meeting the next day?
- MR. MacMAIN: You mean more than what he
- 17 testified the first day of his deposition?
- MS. WALLET: Earlier, yes.
- 19 MR. MacMAIN: Anything else you want to add to
- 20 what you have already told us before?

- 21 THE WITNESS: Not really, no.
- MR. MacMAIN: That's it, then.
- 23 BY MS. WALLET:
- 24 Q. And did you review something between the time
- 25 that we took your first day of deposition and today that

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- 1 caused you to remember these things?
- 2 A. I just kind of recall, I was trying to separate
- 3 that out and I was trying to -- and I had talked to my wife
- 4 about it, and I said, you know, I was down there giving
- 5 disjointed information the other day and probably driving the
- 6 court reporter nuts because I couldn't remember the exactness
- 7 of if I would have been in first or if I would have been in
- 8 with David Foster. And then I said, I said -- and she didn't
- 9 know because she didn't know when I went in. And I said, I'm
- 10 almost positive I went in myself when Hank came down and said
- 11 something to me, I went directly upstairs.
- 12 And then the next day I met with Judge Sheely
- 13 and, you know, with Dave Foster at noon.
- 14 Q. Okay. And you answered that your wife was not
- 15 present for either of these meetings, correct?
- 16 A. No, in ma'am. Not -- no.
- 17 Q. And did you ask your wife recently whether she
- 18 recalled something different?

- 19 A. I think I reviewed that with her the other day
- 20 after our testimony. And she said, I wasn't in there with
- 21 you, she said.
- Q. Did your wife tell you anything else that
- 23 refreshed your recollection --
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. -- of these events?

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- 1 A. No, ma'am.
- 2 Q. Is her recollection generally better than yours?
- 3 A. I would think it might be, because I was pretty
- 4 traumatized when I went in there and that's probably why I
- 5 can't remember.
- 6 Q. And she wasn't --
- 7 A. She wasn't there.
- 8 Q. She wasn't traumatized?
- 9 A. Sure.
- 10 Q. Who is Jody Nelson?
- 11 A. I have no idea.
- 12 Q. Did you ever visit the homes of any of the
- 13 probation officers who worked with you other than Ms. Varner?
- 14 A. I think I had been to Kerry Houser's apartment
- 15 for a party. I think I had been to Deb Graeff's house at one
- 16 point.

- 17 Q. For what reason?
- 18 A. For, might have been a party when she was
- 19 retiring. That's all I can remember.
- 20 Q. Ever pick up any of the other probation officers
- 21 at their homes to go on some work-related trip?
- 22 A. I don't recall, no. Mary Jo Keffer 25 years ago,
- 23 I remember going to her house in Camp Hill.
- Q. And who was she?
- 25 A. She was a probation officer. But that, I can

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- 1 just remember picking her up at her house. She wanted to be
- 2 picked up at her house.
- 3 Q. Anybody else?
- A. Not that I can remember, recall. I just can't
- 5 recall.
- 6 Q. Did you ever visit any probation officer
- 7 uninvited at his or her home?
- 8 A. No, ma'am.
- 9 Q. Did you know Lynn Dickerson?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Ever visit her home?
- 12 A. Yes, I did.
- 13 Q. On what occasion?
- 14 A. Under what circumstances or what occasion? I

- don't understand what you mean.
- Q. Well, what do you remember about visiting Lynn
- 17 Dickerson at her home?
- 18 A. Lynn Dickinson -- I have to go into a periphery
- 19 here of a story to tell you why I was at her home.
- 20 Q. Fine. I have plenty of time, Mr. Graham.
- 21 A. Okay. What happened is Lynn Dickinson was one of
- 22 the probation officers that was hired along with Barb Varner
- 23 and Mark Galbraith when we hired the Family Preservation
- 24 grant in probation. She was hired under that, those, that
- 25 grant proposal. Mr. Osenkarski and Lynn Dickinson worked

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- 1 regularly on that grant reporting. Lynn basically took her
- 2 summer internship and worked on that proposal. And it just
- 3 so happened that Ms. Varner and Lynn Dickinson were in school
- 4 together at Penn State and I guess they were friends or
- 5 acquaintances.
- 6 And what happened is when Lynn Dickinson, after
- 7 she was hired she decided not to take the position in
- 8 Probation and go on further to pursue her master's degree.
- 9 And I received a call at my home by Lynn Dickinson's husband
- 10 who is an attorney with the Governor's office, and he was
- 11 distraught because Lynn Dickinson had received a call from
- 12 Kerry Houser at her personal residence. And he was angry

- 13 because Kerry evidently said that in glossary or in
- 14 conclusatory form, nobody in Probation likes Lynn and she's
- 15 really not welcome. And this man was devastated and he said,
- 16 can you share any light what did Lynn do wrong. And I said,
- 17 she did nothing wrong.
- 18 And I went down and I talked to him and I talked
- 19 to Lynn about that situation, and that's the only time I was
- 20 at her home.
- 21 Q. Were you invited to the home on that occasion?
- 22 A. Her husband called me and said, can we discuss
- 23 this.
- Q. Did he invite you to his home on that occasion?
- 25 A. I think so is what I recall. I don't remember,

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- 1 like, being inside. I think I even talked to him on the
- 2 street or at the front door. I don't remember ever being
- 3 inside the home. I just remembered it was located near
- 4 Rolling Green cemetery.
- 5 Q. Do you remember visiting the Dickinson home on
- 6 any other occasions?
- 7 A. No. No, none, that I recall.
- 8 Q. Only one time?
- 9 A. Only the time when he was extremely upset about
- 10 Lynn getting this phone call from Kerry and saying that

- 11 nobody wanted her in the Probation office.
- 12 Q. Did you hear that directly from Lynn or just from
- 13 Lynn's husband?
- 14 A. From her husband.
- 15 Q. Why do you think her husband called you?
- MR. MacMAIN: Objection. If you know why her
- 17 husband called you. If you don't, then say you don't.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I have no idea why he called me
- 19 other than --
- MR. MacMAIN: If you don't know --
- 21 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I won't summarize.
- 22 BY MS. WALLET:
- 23 Q. Had he known you previously? Is really the
- 24 question.

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25 A. No, ma'am.

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- Q. You never met him before?
- 2 A. No, ma'am.
- 3 Q. Since you've been at the prison, sir, did you
- 4 brag about having sexual relations with anyone?
- 5 A. No, ma'am.
- 6 Q. Did you brag about someone that you had sexual
- 7 relations with and the father-in-law came to complain?
- 8 A. You'll have to be more specific. I have no idea

- 9 what you're talking about.
- 10 Q. You have no recollection of that?
- 11 A. What, a father-in-law -- I don't have any idea
- 12 what you're talking about or what your question is.
- 13 Q. Did you ever date someone whose father-in-law
- 14 works at the prison?
- 15 A. I don't know who you're referring to.
- Q. Did you meet with Mr. Foster in your offices in
- 17 the Probation Department?
- 18 A. I think Mr. Foster came into my office the day we
- 19 were going to go up to see Judge Sheely.
- 20 Q. And did you meet with him there?
- 21 A. Sure.
- Q. Do you recall how long that meeting was?
- 23 A. Probably a couple minutes. Less than five
- 24 minutes.
- 25 Q. Had you met with Mr. Foster on any other occasion

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- 1 prior to your going to meet with Judge Sheely at which
- 2 Mr. Foster -- let me try that again.
- 3 A. I'm following you so far.
- Q. Did you meet with Mr. Foster at any time except
- 5 for the meeting in your office before you went to see Judge
- 6 Sheely and Mr. Foster accompanied you?

- 7 A. No, ma'am.
- 8 Q. Did anyone in the Probation office ever tell you
- 9 not to raise your voice to Barbara Varner?
- 10 A. No, ma'am.
- 11 O. No one?
- 12 A. No one.
- 13 Q. Did Mr. Osenkarski share his corrective action
- 14 memo with you? I'm going to show you --
- 15 A. You'll have to remind me.
- 16 Q. -- what has been marked previously as Osenkarski
- 17 Deposition Exhibit 2.
- 18 A. I don't recall, ma'am. I don't remember it.
- 19 Q. Did he tell you in or about June of '97 that he
- 20 was preparing some sort of a corrective action plan?
- 21 A. No. He basically told me that he was researching
- 22 the, you know, the correction course or the proper course to
- 23 take for sexual harassment complaints. That's what I
- 24 remember him telling me about.
- 25 Q. You don't remember him talking to you at all

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- 1 about what he was doing in response to Ms. Varner's
- 2 complaints?
- 3 A. No. That's basically what he felt, how he, what
- 4 he wanted -- no. I don't know. He didn't tell me anything

- 5 of what he was including or investigating in regard to a
- 6 corrective action plan.
- 7 Q. Did he ever suggest to you that you should attend
- 8 some kind of sexual harassment training?
- 9 A. No, ma'am.
- 10 Q. Did he ever tell you that he thought you should
- 11 attend some management training?
- 12 A. Sure.
- 13 Q. When was that?
- 14 A. I think Tom Boyer and I both went to management
- 15 seminars, you know. I don't know when, but I recall going to
- one or two that were put on for management.
- 17 Q. And was it after June of '97?
- 18 A. It was after I was promoted to supervisor, I can
- 19 tell you that. I don't know when it occurred after that.
- 20 Q. So you're not sure whether it was before or after
- 21 June of '97?
- 22 A. I think it was after, well, whenever I was
- 23 promoted.
- 24 MR. MacMAIN: She's asking you very specifically,
- 25 Gary, after these complaints were made. Do you know if your

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- 1 management training was after those complaints were made? Or
- 2 before, or alternatively if you don't know, you don't know.

- 3 THE WITNESS: No. It preceded that, the
- 4 complaints.
- 5 BY MS. WALLET:
- 6 Q. And were you aware of any kind of creation of a
- 7 committee that was to handle complaints of any issues within
- 8 the Probation office?
- 9 A. I recall Joe talking about that.
- 10 Q. What do you recall about that?
- 11 A. Just that we want to be able to resolve the
- 12 differences in the amount of animosity that was generated by
- 13 the split of these staffs, and he felt it was counter
- 14 productive and unhealthy. And he said, you know, where Bolze
- 15 never left anybody in on the administrative side to make
- 16 corrections, he was not going to do that. He was going to
- 17 try to resolve differences between people, you know, in a
- 18 least restrictive setting or least, something like that.
- 19 That's what I remember.
- 20 Q. Do you know whether such a committee was ever
- 21 created?
- 22 A. I think he went around and asked people if they
- 23 would be willing to sit on a panel or whether they thought
- 24 that was a good idea, to try to lower the office commotion.
- Q. Did he ask you?

- 1 A. No, I don't really think he asked me.
- 2 Q. How do you know he asked others?
- 3 A. Because I think he went around and I knew about
- 4 him going around. Specifically asking me individually about
- 5 it? I don't recall him doing that.
- 6 Q. Do you know who he asked about whether or not
- 7 this committee was a good idea?
- 8 A. I would imagine he --
- 9 MR. MacMAIN: She's not asking for guesses. Do
- 10 you know of any specific people that you have firsthand
- 11 knowledge of who he asked to be on the committee? And if you
- 12 don't, you can say that.
- 13 THE WITNESS: No, I don't have specific
- 14 knowledge. He polled the offices, his words.
- 15 BY MS. WALLET:
- 16 Q. So you know this because of what Mr. Osenkarski
- 17 told you, not because of what you observed?
- 18 A. I just don't remember.
- 19 Q. Have you ever gotten into trouble because of your
- 20 anger management?
- 21 A. No, ma'am.
- 22 MS. WALLET: Let's mark as Deposition 4 a
- 23 one-page document.
- 24 (Graham Deposition Exhibit No. 4 was marked.)
- 25 BY MS. WALLET:

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- 1 Q. Do you have that front of you, sir?
- 2 A. Sure.
- 3 Q. Tell me if you're the S. Gareth Graham listed on
- 4 this memorandum?
- 5 A. Sure.
- 6 Q. Do you believe you got a copy of this memo in or
- 7 about June of 1997?
- 8 A. Sure.
- 9 Q. And did someone hand you this memo? How did you
- 10 receive it?
- 11 A. I think Joe gave it to me.
- 12 Q. Did you talk with him about this memo at the time
- 13 that he gave it to you?
- 14 A. I think so, yes.
- Q. What do you recall about that conversation?
- 16 A. He basically had said that when a sexual
- 17 harassment complaint has been lodged it's a suggestion that
- 18 the parties are separated so that there isn't anymore hostile
- 19 work environment or there's no more, what's the right word,
- 20 there's just no more interaction between the parties.
- 21 Q. And did he use the term hostile work environment?
- 22 A. Probably.
- Q. What did you say to him?
- 24 A. And I said, well, that's your decision to make.
- Q. Were you happy about this decision, or unhappy?

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- 1 A. I didn't agree with it.
- 2 Q. Did you tell him that?
- 3 A. Sure.
- 4 Q. What did you tell him?
- 5 A. I told him I didn't agree with it.
- 6 Q. What did he say?
- 7 A. That's the way it's going to be.
- 8 Q. Did you follow this memo?
- 9 A. Absolutely.
- 10 Q. Do you know who was placed as supervisor, other
- 11 than Mr. Miller, over Ms. Varner?
- 12 A. Just Denny Drachbar. I mean, he was to fill in
- 13 if Sam wasn't available.
- Q. Do you know whether anyone else actually
- 15 supervised Ms. Varner after this memo in June of '97?
- 16 A. No, I don't. I don't know who else would have
- 17 supervised her.
- 18 Q. Were you told at any time, sir, after June 13 of
- 19 1997 that you were not to associate with Ms. Varner?
- 20 A. I don't understand your question on association.
- 21 Q. Were you told to stay away from her?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. You continued to work in the same office after
- 24 June 13 of 1997 until you were transferred to the prison, and

25 I believe that was effective --

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- 1 A. March '98.
- 2 Q. -- March of '98.
- 3 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 4 Q. Where was your office in relation to Ms. Varner's
- 5 office between June of '97 and March of '98?
- 6 A. My office was back the hall from hers. She had a
- 7 cubicle, enclosed office out where the secretaries were, and
- 8 my office was in the back, in the back of the office.
- 9 Q. Did you have to go past her cubicle to exit the
- 10 office?
- 11 A. Yes, I did. I had to go out into the secretarial
- 12 area. I don't know whether you're claiming that's directly
- 13 past her -- it's a small quarters so it's probably within 10
- 14 feet of her office, yes, ma'am.
- 15 Q. There was only one exit from the office at that
- 16 time, correct?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. And that exit was essentially past Ms. Varner's
- 19 cubicle?
- 20 A. It was out into the secretarial area of the
- 21 office, and her office was back in the far corner of the
- 22 secretarial area of the office.

- Q. Did you have occasion to work on the same cases
- 24 after June 13, '97, until you were transferred to the prison
- 25 in March of '98?

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- 1 A. I just don't recall. I might have had other
- 2 cases with her.
- 3 Q. You don't remember?
- 4 A. I don't remember.
- 5 Q. Now, after you were transferred to the prison you
- 6 participated in some kind of a sexual harassment seminar,
- 7 correct?
- 8 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 9 Q. And it was after you were transferred to the
- 10 prison?
- 11 A. It was before and after.
- 12 Q. Do you recall a sexual harassment seminar after
- 13 you were transferred to the prison?
- 14 A. Sure.
- 15 Q. And was Ms. Varner also in attendance at that
- 16 seminar?
- 17 A. Not that I recall. I just don't know. I don't
- 18 think so.
- 19 Q. Do you believe that all of the probation
- 20 officers, adult and juvenile, were required to attend this

- 21 seminar?
- 22 A. It was a county -- the one at the prison was a
- 23 county Human Resources seminar.
- 24 Q. My question, sir, was: Were all of the probation
- 25 officers required to attend this Human Relations seminar?

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- 1 MR. MacMAIN: Is your question at the same time,
- 2 or just at some point they all had to take it?
- MS. WALLET: At the same time.
- 4 MR. MacMAIN: Do you understand?
- 5 THE WITNESS: No. I'm confused.
- 6 MR. MacMAIN: She wants to know if the training
- 7 that you recall taking at the prison, whether the entire
- 8 department was there at the same time. If you know.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I've had, like, two or three
- 10 different or yearly sexual harassment trainings that have
- 11 been offered at the prison, and it's my recollection that I
- 12 don't think there was any probation officers in attendance at
- 13 any of those.
- 14 MR. MacMAIN: It perhaps would be easier, I don't
- 15 know if you want to focus, I believe that's one of the
- 16 assertions in the Complaint. Is that the one you're
- 17 referring to?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Well, that one happened at the

- 19 courthouse, though, the one she's referring to in her
- 20 Complaint. That was the one that was set up by I guess the
- 21 judge and the Human Relations Commission and/or -- and Joe
- 22 and the rest of the people that used Mazzitti and Sullivan
- 23 to.
- 24 BY MS. WALLET:
- Q. Okay. Do you know when that was, sir?

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- 1 A. You'll have to give me the date. I don't know.
- 2 Or judge, you know, can recall, maybe he can recall when that
- 3 was.
- 4 Q. How about October 17 of '97?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. But that wasn't at the prison.
- 8 Q. I had originally asked you about seminars after
- 9 you were transferred to the prison. But this was before you
- 10 were transferred, correct?
- 11 A. Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.
- 12 Q. So you have a recollection of the October 17,
- 13 '97, Mazzitti and Sullivan training?
- 14 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 15 Q. Okay. And who was present at that training?
- 16 A. A representative from Mazzitti and Sullivan, and

- 17 all the probation officers.
- 18 Q. Were there other county employees at that
- 19 seminar?
- 20 A. There might have been. I just don't recall.
- 21 There might have been other people.
- 22 Q. Was Ms. Varner present at the October 17, '97,
- 23 seminar?
- 24 A. Yes, ma'am.
- Q. Where did you sit in relation to her?

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- 1 A. I don't recall.
- 2 Q. You don't recall that you sat across from her?
- 3 A. I recall being in the room and had my -- and
- 4 talking to the trainer for some reason. I don't know if I
- 5 had known him from a previous employment he was involved
- 6 with, or but I was conversing with him. And then Ms. Varner
- 7 and the rest of the probation officers came in the room.
- 8 As far as knowing where I sat, I had probably
- 9 already established my seat with my tablet where I sat that
- 10 day, so. Where it was in relation to her, I couldn't tell
- 11 you.
- 12 Q. You believe you sat down first?
- 13 A. I was in the room first and sat -- and had my
- 14 material in the room first, yes.

- Q. And you believe that you selected your place --
- 16 A. Absolutely.
- 17 Q. -- at a chair first?
- 18 A. Sure.
- 19 Q. But you weren't in your chair at the time?
- 20 A. I just said I was, I think I was talking to the
- 21 facilitator, because it was some connection I knew with this,
- 22 that I had known this guy or thought I knew this guy.
- 23 Q. Did you glare at Ms. Varner during this seminar?
- 24 A. No, ma'am.
- 25 Q. If someone said you did, that would be a lie?

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- 1 A. Absolutely.
- 2 Q. Now, you had another seminar after you were
- 3 transferred to the prison?
- 4 A. I've had probably yearly seminars that the county
- 5 has provided on sexual harassment, and I've been in
- 6 attendance to all those. So however many years I've been
- 7 down there they've had them, a yearly seminar on this.
- 8 Q. What you say down there, what do you mean?
- 9 A. At the prison.
- 10 Q. And were you there with other prison employees?
- 11 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 12 Q. So this was a seminar for prison employees held

- 13 at the prison and you were a part of it?
- 14 A. It was -- right. It was a seminar held
- 15 countywide by a Human Relations facilitator that set up
- 16 sexual harassment training for everybody in the entire
- 17 county. It made sense for me to attend the prison seminar as
- 18 opposed to run up to the courthouse to go to the Probation
- 19 seminar when they were being held.
- 20 Q. Were you prohibited in any way from being at the
- 21 courthouse after you were transferred to the prison? Do you
- 22 understand my question?
- 23 A. Yeah. That's kind of a multi-leveled, too,
- 24 response to that.
- Q. Well, let me be more specific. Did you ever get

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- a memo that said: Now that you've been transferred to the
- 2 prison you are not to enter the courthouse as part of your
- 3 duties?
- 4 A. No, I didn't.
- 5 Q. Did any of your supervisors, including Judge
- 6 Hoffer, tell you that you were prohibited from coming into
- 7 the courthouse?
- 8 A. No, ma'am.
- 9 Q. Were you at any time after you were transferred
- 10 to the prison told that you should not associate or come near

- 11 Ms. Varner?
- 12 A. No, ma'am.
- 13 Q. Did you believe that you had any restrictions
- 14 with regard to your interaction with Ms. Varner?
- 15 A. Only my self-imposed restrictions of not wanting
- 16 to have any interaction with her, and not having any -- I
- 17 didn't want to have any direct or indirect association with
- 18 her.
- 19 Q. And that wasn't because of what somebody told
- 20 you, but you just thought that would be prudent to do?
- 21 A. That's correct, ma'am.
- Q. Did you park next to her car at the prison last
- 23 week?
- 24 A. I think I did.
- 25 Q. There were lots of parking spaces at the prison?

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- 1 A. I didn't recognize that to be her car until I
- 2 went in the prison and she was out there.
- 3 MS. WILLIAMS: A short break?
- 4 MR. MacMAIN: Why don't we take five minutes.
- 5 (Recess taken from 12:01 until 12:10 p.m.)
- 6 (Graham Deposition Exhibit No. 5 was marked.)
- 7 BY MS. WALLET:

- 8 Q. Mr. Graham, do you have what we've marked as
- 9 Deposition Exhibit 5?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. What do you recall about this document?
- 12 A. It was a recommendation sheet submitted on Mark
- 13 Roderigo and --
- 14 Q. Actually, I think wasn't our agreement that we
- 15 were going to black that out? And I neglected to do that.
- Was this a juvenile?
- 17 A. Yes, it was.
- 18 MS. WALLET: Okay. I would ask that we just say
- 19 Mark R., and I'll mark sure that the rest of the name is
- 20 blocked.
- MR. MacMAIN: Agreed.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Okay. A recommendation memo that
- 23 Barb submitted along with a report. She had submitted this I
- 24 think on one or two previous occasions. I think she
- 25 submitted it prior to April 7th, 1997, and I had reviewed it

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- 1 and found some things that she needed to add into her report.
- 2 I itemized those, and this was the second or third go-around
- 3 over the same material that she submitted.
- 4 BY MS. WALLET:
- 5 Q. Okay. Now, how do I know that this is a second

- 6 or third go-around? Is there any way of telling that from
- 7 this document?
- MR. MacMAIN: From this single sheet of paper?
- 9 MS. WALLET: Yes. I'm still talking about
- 10 Deposition Exhibit 5.
- MR. MacMAIN: Sure.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Well, I responded back to her on
- 13 the 18th of April with -- and I had also given her a memo to
- 14 you on April 7th that I referred to.
- 15 BY MS. WALLET:
- 16 O. You don't mean to me. To Ms. Varner?
- 17 A. To Ms. Varner.
- Q. Okay. My question, sir, is: Can I tell by
- 19 looking at this document that this is something submitted
- 20 other than on April 2nd, 1997?
- 21 MR. MacMAIN: Let me just interject for
- 22 clarification. He says "see me about these cases," he's
- 23 referring to other documents, and I think the documents I
- 24 gave to you earlier today are going to have the other
- 25 documents he's referring to. So that would make things

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- 1 easier instead of this guessing game. What he's referring to
- 2 is other documents I believe you can question him about.
- 3 BY MS. WALLET:

- 4 Q. Did you understand my question, though?
- 5 A. I think so.
- 6 Q. And are you able to answer my question?
- 7 A. What does this memo refer to?
- 8 Q. My question is: How can I tell by looking at
- 9 this document that it was something submitted other than on
- 10 April 2, 1997?
- 11 A. I imagine that this report was prepared on April
- 12 2nd. Can I validate that that's when it was sent to me or
- 13 given to me? No, I can't.
- 14 Q. You said you thought this was the second or third
- 15 go-around. That's what I'm really asking you about.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. How can I tell from this document that it was
- 18 some revision?
- 19 A. Well, based on my response to her on the 18th of
- 20 April, the handwritten note at the bottom, it says, "see me
- 21 about these cases," and, "you did not include what I asked
- 22 for in my memo to you on April 7th, 1997."
- So evidently I gave her a memo after she
- 24 submitted this somewhere between the 2nd of April and the 7th
- 25 of April, and I had given her some corrections to put on the

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1 report, and she resubmitted it again on the 18th of April is

- 2 when I made these comments.
- 3 Q. Okay. So you believe that this document was the
- 4 version that was submitted to you by Ms. Varner sometime
- 5 after April 2nd, after April 7, but before April 18?
- 6 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 7 Q. But you would agree the document itself doesn't
- 8 indicate that?
- 9 A. You know, I'd have to pull -- I've had no
- 10 opportunity for discovery to pull those cases and to find
- 11 out, you know, what's actually in those cases and if they
- 12 contain the originalities of what were in them from the
- 13 beginning. So these are notes that, you know, I had when I
- 14 packed everything up from the courthouse to go out of the
- 15 courthouse.
- 16 Q. Okay. So the pack of documents that I received
- 17 from your counsel today, they were documents that you had
- 18 with you when you left the Probation offices in the
- 19 courthouse in or about March of '98?
- 20 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 21 Q. And what caused you to take these documents at
- 22 that time?
- 23 A. I had some documents on different people that
- 24 were in the office of court corrections that I had gone
- 25 through with them, and I had kept these documents because we

- 1 were -- we had hired some new probation officers and they
- 2 were inexperienced and basically they had errors in their
- 3 reports and omissions in their reports. And I had kept
- 4 documents on different individuals that I made corrections
- 5 on.
- 6 Q. So you had some sort of a folder that said
- 7 Barbara Varner and you had documents in that related to her?
- 8 A. No. I had a work-related folder just on
- 9 different just work-related memorandums.
- 10 Q. Okay. But in that folder you had things related
- 11 to probation officers other than Ms. Varner?
- 12 A. Absolutely, um-hum.
- 13 Q. And then at some point in time you went through
- 14 that folder and picked out the things that your counsel gave
- 15 me today?
- 16 A. Well, when you produced this memo the other day,
- 17 you know, that you made reference to.
- 18 Q. Now, do you recall answering some requests for
- 19 documents that I served upon you sometime in or around July
- 20 or September of 2002?
- 21 A. I don't know what you're referring to.
- 22 Q. Okay. Well, let me just hand you what purports
- 23 to be S. Gareth Graham's Responses to Plaintiff's First Set
- 24 of Interrogatories. I believe they were served on me by fax
- 25 November 18 of 2002. Take a look at that.

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- 1 A. Okay.
- 2 Q. Have you had a chance to look at those responses?
- 3 A. Sure.
- 4 Q. Did you assist your counsel in preparing those
- 5 responses?
- 6 MR. MacMAIN: Well, I'll represent I certainly
- 7 worked with Mr. Graham when we prepared responses based on
- 8 information provided and based on information that was set
- 9 forth in the Complaint.
- 10 BY MS. WALLET:
- 11 Q. And I asked you to identify anything that you
- 12 might have in your possession relating to Barbara Varner or
- 13 her claims of sexual harassment and sex discrimination. Do
- 14 you recall that question?
- 15 A. Not really.
- 16 Q. Well, did you have these documents that have been
- 17 provided to me today at the time that you answered this
- 18 request in or about November of '02?
- 19 A. I knew I had them somewhere if I -- I knew I had
- 20 most of my material from my exit packed in boxes down in the
- 21 garage in my house, and I didn't go down there to discover
- 22 anything as far as -- until this became an issue here.
- 23 Q. Okay. You think you had them at that time; you
- 24 just hadn't gone through them? Is that your testimony?
- 25 MR. MacMAIN: Well, let me -- hold on a second.

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- 1 Let me represent, the question that was asked was any
- 2 documents regarding sexual harassment. At the time these
- 3 were answered -- and the Complaint set forth specific
- 4 instances that she's claiming harassment took place. These
- 5 documents go to a different issue altogether, and that
- specifically has to do with allegations she raised in her 6
- 7 deposition as to that he was unfair in terms of his
- 8 evaluation, screamed at her and so forth.
- 9 So I think if your implication is he didn't
- 10 provide documents that were responsive to a question, they're
- 11 not responsive to that document request, and we will
- 12 supplement it based on assertions that she has made at her
- deposition now that we have a more clear picture of exactly 13
- what it is she's claiming Mr. Graham did or did not do. 14
- 15 MS. WALLET: Okay. I'm not casting any
- 16 aspersions on anyone, Mr. MacMain, but the question was:
- 17 Identify all documents in your possession relating in any way
- 18 to Barbara Varner or to her claims of sexual harassment and
- 19 sex discrimination.
- 20 MR. MacMAIN: Correct. And the allegation of
- 21 sexual harassment is what is set forth in the Complaint.
- 22 These documents go to a different issue.
- 23 MS. WALLET: I'm simply asking your client did he
- 24 have these documents in his possession at the time that he

25 answered this discovery request in November.

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- 1 THE WITNESS: No. I didn't -- I hadn't retrieved
- 2 them. I didn't know if I even had them.
- 3 BY MS. WALLET:
- Q. Okay. And you say they were in your garage?
- 5 A. Sure.
- 6 Q. You didn't think something in your garage was in
- 7 your possession?
- 8 A. I didn't know what was in the boxes of materials
- 9 that I had -- I exited the courthouse in one day. Judge
- 10 Hoffer called me up on March 9th and said, you need to go
- 11 downstairs, pack your bags, take the rest of the day off, and
- 12 leave. That evening or that afternoon I packed everything in
- 13 boxes, actually computer boxes, and I threw everything in a
- 14 computer box and left the office.
- 15 Q. Did you have one box or more than one box?
- 16 A. I don't recall how many boxes I had. Numerous
- 17 boxes. Personal items and --
- 18 Q. Can you estimate for me how many documents you
- 19 might have taken when you left the courthouse that would be
- 20 similar to the ones that have been provided to me today?
- 21 A. I can't estimate anything like that. I don't

- 22 know.
- Q. Well, you've looked through the boxes now,
- 24 correct?
- 25 A. Sure.

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- 1 Q. All right. And my question, sir, is: How much
- 2 material do you have relating to specific cases in your
- 3 possession? One box? Two boxes? One folder? A half inch?
- 4 A. I don't know. I don't know how many -- I
- 5 wouldn't be able to quantify what I have.
- 6 Q. Okay. After we had the deposition of Ms. Varner
- 7 did she raise certain issues and you said to yourself, oh, I
- 8 might have some of that stuff at home? Correct?
- 9 A. Sure.
- 10 Q. Okay. And then you went home and you looked
- 11 through what you had, and you came up with this package,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. Okay. I'm asking you, sir, how much material did
- 15 you have to go through in order to find this package?
- 16 A. Maybe one folder.
- 17 Q. One folder. Is it half an inch thick, an inch
- 18 thick, three inches thick?
- 19 A. Probably less than a quarter of an inch thick.

- Q. Okay. Are you satisfied, sir, that you have gone
- 21 through all of your documents and that you have pulled out
- 22 all of the documents that relate in any way to Barbara
- 23 Varner?
- 24 MR. MacMAIN: I'll object to that, because I
- 25 still need to review documents with him and provide

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- 1 supplementations if need be. So I'm not going to let him
- 2 answer whether he's gone through everything or he hasn't.
- 3 MS. WALLET: Okay. Are you going to let him
- 4 answer that he's gone through it but he's given some of it to
- 5 you?
- 6 MR. MacMAIN: If you can answer that. Have you
- 7 gone through all of -- well, no, because I need to consult
- 8 with him and determine what documents may be responsive and
- 9 which documents may not, which documents he has which may be
- 10 letters from counsel, either myself or prior counsel. So
- 11 we'll certainly supplement our discovery responses for
- documents that are related to documents that have been asked
- 13 for or are relevant in the litigation, as I expect you would
- 14 as well.
- 15 MS. WALLET: Sure.
- 16 BY MS. WALLET:
- 17 Q. Other than this folder that you indicated, do you

- 18 have any other documents in your house, in your garage, in
- 19 some storage area, someplace that you have access to that
- 20 relate to Barbara Varner?
- 21 A. No, ma'am.
- 22 Q. This handwriting on the document marked
- 23 Deposition 5, is all of that your handwriting?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. The initials up at the top, BEV, I assume those

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- 1 are Ms. Varner's initials?
- 2 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 3 Q. Everything else that's not typed belongs to you?
- 4 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 5 Q. Sir, have you talked to anyone other than your
- 6 wife since the deposition, the first day of your deposition,
- 7 regarding the matters surrounding Ms. Varner's Complaint?
- 8 We'll exclude counsel at this point.
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Did you talk to Mr. Osenkarski?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Have you talked to any of the individuals who
- 13 have been identified as potential witnesses in this case?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Mr. Graham, did you ever threaten John Ward?

- 16 A. No, ma'am.
- 17 Q. Did you ever say that Mr. Ward would get his for
- 18 his activities relating to this Complaint?
- 19 A. No, ma'am.
- 20 Q. Do you harbor any ill will toward Mr. Ward as a
- 21 result of his actions concerning this Complaint?
- 22 A. Do I like him? No, I don't like him. Do I
- 23 harbor any ill will? No.
- Q. Why don't you like him?
- 25 A. A multitude of reasons. I think he was a -- he

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- 1 interrupted the Probation office that was basically
- 2 unencumbered by partisan political process until he became
- 3 the chief clerk.
- I didn't like what he did to our detention
- 5 center, where he tried to accuse Joe and I of negotiating
- 6 contracts without fiscal concerns. He talked clandestinely
- 7 that I can relate that behind our backs to the chief clerk in
- 8 Dauphin County over the Woodside and the Schaffner Youth
- 9 Centers.
- 10 He denied us compensation for after-hours duties,
- 11 where he would pay Children and Youth \$30,000 at the time to
- 12 have a night call person, and then finally corrected that and
- 13 I guess Joe has a night call person to handle after-hours

- 14 emergency calls.
- 15 He accompanied Gary Shuey into our office and was
- 16 angry that we were -- that dependency kids could not be kept
- 17 in the new Schaffner Youth Center that was being built. And
- 18 that was a decision Dauphin County had made to prohibit
- 19 dependency referrals being included into the detention
- 20 center.
- There was an issue where he was advocating on
- 22 behalf of the 911 center because the probation officers
- 23 supposedly weren't answering their phones after emergency
- 24 call duty. And I think he had written a memorandum that
- 25 chastised the probation officers' wives and husbands for

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- 1 nobody answering the phone after emergency-duty calls.
- 2 He tried to demote a secretary of ours, Kathy
- 3 Zeigler, when we split the Juvenile Probation Departments.
- 4 And what I understand, it was the first time in the history
- 5 of the county where he tried to demote somebody moving
- 6 towards a, moving into a lateral position.
- 7 That's some of the things that I can recall.
- 8 That's probably not all of them.
- 9 Q. Do you disklike him for any of the actions that
- 10 were taken with regard to Ms. Varner's complaints?

- 11 A. I don't really know what he did in regard to
- 12 Ms. Varner's Complaint .
- 13 Q. Have you expressed your displeasure about
- 14 Mr. Ward's actions to Mr. Ward?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Have you expressed your displeasure about
- 17 Mr. Ward's actions to anyone in the Probation Department?
- 18 A. I don't think Mr. Ward is a fan of anyone in the
- 19 Probation office. Did I -- in generality terms, probably,
- 20 yes. I mean, from denial of grants to denial of, you know,
- 21 all those -- parking spaces. I advocated to try to get
- 22 parking spaces to transport secured juveniles, and he
- 23 wouldn't give us any of those or advocate on our behalf to
- 24 get a secure parking arrangement to be able to take juveniles
- 25 in and out of the court setting.

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- 1 Q. My question, sir, was: Did you express your
- 2 displeasure about Mr. Ward to anyone in the Probation office?
- 3 A. I probably said some things that I was displeased
- 4 about, just -- and the list is what I've just told you about.
- 5 Q. But you didn't say: He'll get his?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Mr. Graham, did you ever brag about having sex
- 8 with a woman who was wearing only a trench coat?

- 9 A. I think I did, yes. Not brag.
- 10 Q. What did you say?
- 11 A. I had had a relationship with a woman prior to my
- 12 marriage, that I was visited by a lady that wore a trench
- 13 coat and she had nothing underneath it.
- 14 Q. And did you make this statement during work
- 15 hours?
- 16 A. I might have.
- 17 Q. Was it during times when other probation officers
- 18 were present?
- 19 A. Sure.
- 20 Q. Were there female probation officers present at
- 21 that time?
- 22 A. No, ma'am.
- 23 Q. None?
- 24 A. Not that I recall.
- 25 Q. And what prompted you to bring up your prior

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- 1 sexual relation at work?
- 2 A. I think what prompted that was the amount of
- 3 phone calls that Ms. Varner made to me in regard to trying to
- 4 meet with me, and when the secretaries went to pick up the
- 5 phone they were suspicious that I had been involved with

- 6 somebody else or someone else, or somebody, so that's what
- 7 kind of prompted that.
- 8 Q. So you led them to believe that it was this woman
- 9 who was only wearing the trench coat that was making these
- 10 calls?
- 11 A. No. I didn't lead them to believe anything.
- 12 They can believe what they want to believe, you know. I
- 13 didn't say anything about that.
- 14 Q. I don't understand your answer, sir. I asked you
- 15 what prompted you to bring up this subject of having sex with
- 16 someone only wearing a trench coat, and you said it had
- 17 something to do with the calls you were receiving from
- 18 Ms. Varner. I don't understand your answer.
- 19 A. Well, they were suspicious of me having an
- 20 interaction with another woman.
- Q. Who was suspicious?
- 22 A. Oh, my. Denny Drachbar, Sam Miller, Ronna
- 23 Boyles. Who else? I don't know. Fran Rose. I don't know
- 24 who else.
- 25 Q. What did they say or do that led you to conclude

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- 1 that they were suspicious of your relationship with
- 2 Ms. Varner?
- 3 A. Ronna was always saying, why are you getting all

- 4 these phone calls and I'm getting hang-ups?
- 5 Q. And what did you say?
- 6 A. Nothing.
- 7 Q. And what did Mr. Drachbar say or do that led you
- 8 to believe he was suspicious about your relationship with
- 9 Ms. Varner?
- 10 A. I don't know. I don't remember. That's too far
- 11 long ago.
- 12 Q. What did Mr. Miller say or do which led you to
- 13 believe that he was suspicious about your relationship with
- 14 Ms. Varner?
- MR. MacMAIN: If you know.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 17 BY MS. WALLET:
- 18 Q. What did Rose say or do that led you to believe
- 19 that she was suspicious of your relationship with Ms. Varner?
- 20 A. Just the complaints of Ronna receiving the calls
- 21 and nobody ever on the other end when they went to pick up.
- 22 Q. Well, I asked you this before, but why did you
- 23 think someone thought that that was Barb Varner?
- 24 A. Because Barb Varner and I shared companion cases.
- 25 We shared a personal relationship that was probably viewed by

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1 in the office that was closer than most. The fact that she,

- 2 you know, she was always confiding in me, you know, with some
- 3 of her personal situations. And the fact that she was using
- 4 me to sometimes write her reports and help her write her
- 5 reports. And all that interaction together was a position
- 6 that they thought I was showing her favoritism and
- 7 unfairness, or favoritism and it was unfair to them, that I,
- 8 they -- special audiences with her all the time as opposed
- 9 to, you know, giving them a correction. I would just tell
- 10 them about it or, you know, write them a note.
- 11 Q. Do you have a single fact that would link
- 12 Ms. Varner to your hang-up calls?
- 13 A. I don't think so, no.
- 14 Q. So Ms. Boyles comes to you and says something to
- 15 the effect of: Why are we getting all these hang-up calls?
- 16 A. Sure. Ronna narrated a lot of things to me, you
- 17 know, about -- she was from the hometown I came from, and she
- 18 was going through a divorce at the time of this business that
- 19 was going on in the office. And --
- 20 MR. MacMAIN: She just wants to know do you have
- 21 anything, any direct evidence that the hang-up calls were
- from Ms. Varner as opposed to someone else.
- THE WITNESS: No, I don't. No.
- 24 BY MS. WALLET:
- 25 Q. So Ms. Boyles comes you and says: We've been

- 1 having all these hang-up calls. Who brought up the subject
- of Barbara Varner in reference to these hang-up calls?
- 3 A. She did.
- 4 Q. And why did she say she thought it might be
- 5 Barbara Varner?
- 6 A. Because she thought that we were meeting in the
- 7 coffee room. And people would see us meeting in the coffee
- 8 room. We were having close interaction with one another.
- 9 And she knew that, I think, that I had advocated for
- 10 Ms. Varner's son, to get him a job at the Schaffner Youth
- 11 Center after he had failed to pass the first or second
- 12 interview that he was on.
- 13 So you know, those are the things that she, you
- 14 know, saw me extending myself to her benefit and figured
- 15 there might be something going on. And that was pretty much
- 16 like the office rumor mill that there might be something
- 17 going on between the two of us.
- 18 Q. And then this caused you to bring up the subject
- 19 of the woman wearing only the trench coat?
- 20 A. That was around -- right. That was around the
- 21 subject of -- Ronna said to me, well, you know, something
- 22 about, you know, something about who was that in reference,
- or she said, I think Ronna said to me, I'll bet you were
- 24 pretty wild in your day, you know, in Newville. And I think
- 25 I had talked to Boyles about living above my dad's store as a

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- 1 single man and talked to her about different things in that
- 2 regard. And she, Ronna was after finding out if I knew any
- 3 information about who her husband --
- 4 MR. MacMAIN: Gary, she just --
- 5 THE WITNESS: -- was running around with up in
- 6 Newville.
- 7 MR. MacMAIN: Gary, she asked about the trench
- 8 coat, and if you don't have any more answer than what you've
- 9 given, then that's fine.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Did I give you the answer yet?
- 11 BY MS. WALLET:
- 12 Q. Well, my question, sir, was: What about these
- 13 circumstances could possibly have prompted you to blurt out
- 14 that you once had sex with a woman wearing only a trench
- 15 coat?
- 16 A. And my response to that is Ronna had shared
- 17 information and been in request of information about her
- 18 husband who she was going through a divorce, and during those
- 19 conversations she would relate that I'll bet you were pretty
- 20 wild.
- 21 And there was a connection between Ronna and my
- 22 dad's store because the first owners that tried to buy my
- 23 dad's store was Robert and somebody Barrick, Cheryl Barrick.
- I know their last name is Barrick, I don't remember her name.
- 25 Well, this Cheryl Barrick and Ronna's husband ended up

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- 1 together and in a marital infidelity. And Ronna was
- 2 questioning me as to if I knew anything. And actually, she
- 3 was asking me daily, you know, what was going on, did you
- 4 hear anything about this Barrick girl and my husband. And I
- 5 had -- the boy that was running our store at the time,
- 6 because my dad had just been deceased, he one day said to me,
- 7 he said, I think Ronna Boyles' husband Ken moved in with this
- 8 Barrick woman down the street across from the fire company.
- 9 So those are the kind of conversations that we
- 10 had that were of intimate interactions. And I think during
- 11 those conversations with Ronna I got to talk to her about
- 12 I'll bet -- her making the introductory statement of saying,
- 13 I'll bet you were pretty wild in your day, and I said sure, I
- 14 was wild, you know, and I did things, so.
- 15 Q. And this was an example of how wild you were?
- 16 A. Well, if that's wild, Ms. Wallet. I don't know
- 17 if that's wild or what that is. I don't know if that -- I
- 18 don't know, what does that mean.
- 19 Q. Did you give her any other examples of how wild
- 20 you were at that time?
- 21 A. I don't remember anything else.
- 22 Q. Now, there were others that overheard this
- 23 conversation, correct?

- 24 A. I have no idea who overheard the conversation.
- 25 No, I don't know.

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- 1 Q. Did you consider this to be appropriate
- 2 discussion for the work setting?
- 3 A. In the private confines of my office and
- 4 responding to a desperate type of lady that was facing
- 5 divorce and inquiring about information that she was asking
- 6 me about, sure. It was a matter of, you know, maybe of, I
- 7 don't know, kind of pitying Ronna over the situation she
- 8 found herself. And I said everybody finds themselves in
- 9 different situations that they regret somewhere in their
- 10 life. Does that answer your question?
- 11 Q. Let me hand you a copy of the Complaint. Perhaps
- 12 this will make things a bit easier.
- 13 Would you turn to page 3 of the Complaint filed
- 14 by Ms. Varner in this action?
- 15 A. Okay.
- 16 Q. Specifically, paragraph 16. I'm going to ask you
- 17 about these paragraphs, sir, and I'll try to be specific in
- 18 my questions and if you could try to be specific in your
- 19 answers perhaps we might finish a little more quickly.
- Ms. Varner has alleged that you made comments

- 21 about a female juvenile relating to premenstrual problems:
- 22 Jesus Christ, do I need to get a peter meter in my office.
- 23 Did you make that statement?
- A. Not in front of Ms. Varner.
- 25 Q. Did you make it in front of someone else?

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- 1 A. Hank Thielemann. I don't remember saying Jesus
- 2 Christ.
- 3 Q. But you asked about the peter meter?
- 4 A. I made a comment to Hank after she turned the
- 5 case in of simple assault on a juvenile, I think it might
- 6 have been even a transfer case from Harrisburg, that this
- 7 girl's premenstrual cycle was the causation factors of the
- 8 girl's delinquency. And I looked at Hank and said, you know,
- 9 if we're going to look at premenstrual cycle being the
- 10 determinant of delinquency, then we're going to have to get a
- 11 peter meter for any sex crimes that we end up having.
- 12 And what I was referring to, Ms. Wallet is, a
- 13 peter meter is not the appropriate term but there is a
- 14 mechanism called an phylesmograph which is the proper term of
- 15 an instrument that's used to measure sexual arousal on sexual
- 16 offenders. So that's what my inclination was at the time I
- 17 made the off-the-cuff remark.
- 18 Q. So your reference to a peter meter was to this

- 19 particular instrument?
- 20 A. It was lack of a better word of understanding
- 21 exactly what a phylesmograph was properly called, yes.
- 22 Because I knew there was an instrument they measure sexual
- 23 arousal on sexual cases. And they also have, you know,
- 24 different modalities like showing videos and other things
- 25 that coincide with understanding how to measure sexual

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- 1 stimulation in different cases.
- 2 Q. Did you think it inappropriate of Ms. Varner to
- 3 reference something that was in this juvenile's medical
- 4 history?
- 5 A. You know, I'd have to see the report, and I've
- 6 never seen -- I can't recall the issues. You're asking me to
- 7 recite from memory something that's happened six and seven
- 8 years ago, and I can't recite those, that, those
- 9 circumstances. I just don't remember.
- 10 I remember that she didn't have medical concerns
- or suicidal concerns that I was aware of. I don't remember
- 12 reading that in her report on the review. I remember her
- 13 highlighting the premenstrual problems, that that was the
- 14 causation factor, not the suicidal tendencies that she now
- 15 reports in her Complaint. I don't remember that. Could it
- 16 have been in there? It might have been. Could I have missed

- 17 it? Absolutely. I don't recall it being there. I recall it
- 18 just being a premenstrual problem that was highlighted in one
- 19 of her paragraphs. And I looked at Hank and said -- and she
- 20 wasn't even in the room. So that's an error, too. She
- 21 wasn't in the room when I made the comment.
- Q. Were there others in the room then that overheard
- 23 the comment?
- 24 A. Only Henry Thielemann and myself. Hank
- 25 Thielemann and myself.

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- 1 Q. And where did this conversation take place?
- 2 A. In my office.
- 3 Q. Do you know whether Mr. Thielemann repeated this?
- 4 A. No. What happened was she came back into the
- 5 office, she came back into the office and Hank was smiling at
- 6 her, and she said, well, what are you guys smiling about?
- 7 And I said, Barb -- I made a comment about the juvenile
- 8 social history that you submitted and Henry found humor in
- 9 that.
- 10 Q. And was the comment repeated?
- 11 A. She asked for it to be repeated. She -- I said,
- 12 I don't want to repeat the comment because you will be citing
- 13 me for harassing and you will find it distasteful. And she
- 14 said, I'm fine with it, will you tell me what you said. And

- 15 I told her. And then she authored me with this Complaint.
- 16 Q. Now, why did you think at that time to say: I
- 17 don't want to repeat this because this might be sexual
- 18 harassment?
- 19 A. Because of what Joe had been through years before
- 20 on the Complaint with Kerry Houser.
- 21 Q. Had you received any sexual harassment training
- 22 before you made the statement about the peter meter?
- 23 A. I made it to another male individual in a private
- 24 setting, and I didn't see that as a matter of sexual
- 25 harassment. It might have been distasteful, it might have

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- 1 been out of order. It probably was out of order for me to
- 2 make the comment about it. But was it sexual harassment?
- 3 No. Did it pertain to Ms. Varner specifically? No.
- 4 Q. Did you consider it to be demeaning?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Did you consider it to be demeaning to the female
- 7 juvenile about which this statement was made?
- 8 A. Oh, no.
- 9 Q. And that was because the female juvenile would
- 10 never know about this?
- 11 A. The female juvenile, it was something that
- 12 Ms. Varner was reporting that the female juvenile had

- 13 experienced. I don't even know if the female juvenile, you
- 14 know, was talking about a premenstrual cycle. Maybe
- 15 Ms. Varner is the author of that premenstrual cycle comment.
- 16 You would have to talk to that juvenile, I guess.
- 17 Q. Now, B is the personal birthday card. You don't
- 18 deny sending that card?
- 19 A. I don't, ma'am. I didn't send it. I would have
- 20 given it to her.
- 21 Q. Okay. Do you deny any inappropriate touching?
- 22 MR. MacMAIN: Let me object. Do you mean -- we
- 23 went through this the other day, that it's his position this
- 24 was a consensual sexual affair. You're asking anything
- 25 beyond that?

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- 1 MS. WALLET: Correct.
- THE WITNESS: No, ma'am.
- 3 BY MS. WALLET:
- 4 Q. Well, the question was: Do you deny any
- 5 inappropriate touching?
- 6 MR. MacMAIN: Well, I'm just clarifying what you
- 7 mean by inappropriate touching. Certainly -- Gary, let me
- 8 finish, please.
- 9 And if he believes, it's his position that it was
- 10 a consensual affair, I don't think under your definition it

- 11 would be inappropriate.
- MS. WALLET: Right. And I asked the question
- 13 again because I don't think he understands the question.
- 14 THE WITNESS: You're right. I'm sorry, I don't.
- 15 BY MS. WALLET:
- 16 Q. Did you engage in any inappropriate touching
- 17 other than related to your consensual affair?
- 18 A. No, ma'am.
- 19 Q. You didn't go past her desk and touch her?
- 20 A. No, I didn't.
- 21 Q. Did you touch her at all in the workplace?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever appear uninvited at her home?
- A. Absolutely not.
- 25 Q. Did you go into her back yard and shout for her?

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- 1 A. No, ma'am.
- 2 Q. Never?
- 3 A. Never. I testified the other day that I would
- 4 meet her through her back entrance of her house. That's
- 5 where -- when she would call me down to her house and we
- 6 would meet at her house I would go in the back door, the back
- 7 sliding glass doors where she would stand and wait for me to

- 8 park in an adjacent parking lot in a, it was an apartment
- 9 building adjacent from her house. So I would park in there,
- 10 walk in the back, and then she would let me in the back so
- 11 that her neighbors Gilbert and Crystal wouldn't see me, the
- 12 neighbors nextdoor. They were well -- he was in the well
- 13 drilling business. He was home quite a bit, so.
- 14 Q. Where did Gilbert and Crystal live?
- 15 A. Right across the street from Barb Varner.
- 16 Q. Across from the front door?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 O. You're sure about that?
- 19 A. Only what she told me.
- Q. Okay. You're looking at C on page 4?
- 21 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 22 Q. Do you deny that allegation?
- 23 A. Absolutely. I had been to her room, though, on
- 24 her invite at five o'clock in the morning under the auspices
- 25 of going walking in the morning. But I had not been at her

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- 1 room on any other times and had not requested to be in her
- 2 room at any other juncture up there at State College.
- 3 Q. Did you call her room repeatedly?
- 4 A. No, ma'am.

- 5 Q. Did you take any action, sir, that Ms. Varner
- 6 might consider to be hostile or abusive?
- 7 MR. MacMAIN: Objection as to the form. How
- 8 would he know what she would consider hostile or abusive?
- 9 MS. WALLET: Well, I know when I say something to
- 10 a pet, that that pet is taking it as hostile or abusive. I
- 11 don't have to be in the pet's mind.
- MR. MacMAIN: I'm not going to allow him to
- 13 answer what was in her mind. Unless you want to rephrase the
- 14 question, I'm not going to let him answer that.
- 15 BY MS. WALLET:
- 16 Q. Did you ever shout at Ms. Varner in the
- 17 workplace?
- 18 A. No, ma'am.
- 19 Q. Never?
- 20 A. Never.
- 21 Q. Did you ever raise your voice to her in the
- 22 workplace?
- 23 A. I might have raised my voice on being
- 24 disappointed in having to revisit the same issue three and
- 25 four times.

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- 1 Q. Did you ever swear at her?
- 2 A. Not at her. No, ma'am.

- 3 Q. Did you swear in her presence in the workplace?
- 4 A. I reverted to saying the F word on occasions.
- 5 Q. But you say that wasn't directed at her?
- 6 A. Not directed at her.
- 7 Q. She was present but it wasn't directed at her?
- 8 A. What do you mean by present? She was in the
- 9 office when I might have been angry about something and that
- 10 might not even have pertained to her and I used the F word.
- 11 Q. Is it your testimony that she never once told you
- 12 not to use the F word in speech with her?
- 13 A. That's my testimony, that's correct.
- 14 Q. She never objected to any of the language that
- 15 you used in front of her?
- 16 A. No, ma'am.
- 17 Q. Looking at page 4, subsection E.
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 Q. Did you tell Ms. Varner any stories about your
- 20 sexual problems with your wife?
- 21 A. Other than I was disappointed in the amount of
- 22 sex that my wife and I were having, yes, I told her that.
- 23 Q. Did you talk about your wife's masturbation
- 24 habits?
- 25 A. No, ma'am.

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- 1 Q. Did you tell her that you kept a calendar of the
- 2 times when she would refuse to have sex with you?
- 3 A. No, ma'am. I did say that I probably not had sex
- 4 in maybe only two times a month, I would share that with her.
- 5 No calendars.
- 6 Q. Did you threaten to get even with your wife
- 7 because she wouldn't have sex with you?
- 8 A. No, ma'am.
- 9 Q. Did Ms. Varner ever suggest to you that you go to
- 10 counseling?
- 11 A. Not at all.
- 12 Q. Did you scream at her as part of these
- 13 discussions about you and your wife's sexual habits?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. And do you deny driving at a high rate of speed?
- 16 A. That's questionable as far as -- I'm not a
- 17 conformist to the speed limit like most people aren't
- 18 probably even in this room, so -- but do I drive at a high
- 19 rate of speed? I've never been given a ticket, Ms. Wallet,
- 20 in my personal car or the county car in the extensive amount
- 21 of trips that I took for speeding, and never been pulled over
- 22 for that, ma'am. So that's not true.
- 23 Q. Did you speed up the car in order to frighten
- 24 her?
- 25 A. Not at all. That's completely false.

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- 1 Q. Did your wife have a figurine collection?
- 2 A. Yes, she does.
- 3 Q. Did you tell Ms. Varner that you had smashed some
- 4 of it?
- 5 A. I think I told Denny Drachbar one time that I had
- 6 smashed a figurine.
- 7 Q. And what prompted you to tell Mr. Drachbar that
- 8 fact?
- 9 A. Our kitten had -- or our cat had had a litter of
- 10 kittens and there was one particular kitten that I liked, it
- 11 was striped, and my wife, I asked her to save it, because her
- 12 grandmother wanted some cats and her nieces and nephews
- 13 wanted a couple cats. And she gave the cat away that I liked
- 14 the most, and I was angry about it. And I don't know, I
- 15 guess we were talking about it in the living room, and I just
- 16 got consumed with my anger and I remember knocking the head
- 17 off of a figurine. I guess I picked this figurine up and I
- 18 just snapped it on the fireplace or something. But I was
- 19 angry over a kitten that she had given away, not I guess
- 20 what's in this Complaint.
- 21 Q. Did you ever tell Ms. Varner that you smashed
- 22 some of the figurine collection in response to her sexual
- 23 denials?
- A. Not at all. That's a fabricated lie.
- 25 Q. What prompted you to tell Mr. Drachbar that you

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- 1 had done this?
- 2 A. I don't know. I just -- I think I had, he was --
- 3 I don't know. I don't know what prompted me. I just said I
- 4 got consumed by my anger the other evening.
- 5 Q. Ever destroy a birthday cake in front of your
- 6 daughters?
- 7 A. Not in front of my daughters, but I think I
- 8 was -- I think that's the situation where I was angry at my
- 9 wife because Denny Drachbar and Sam Miller repeatedly had
- 10 come down to my office and was basically what males would
- 11 call ribbing, teasing me or whatever, about this particular
- 12 law clerk named Tom Placey being in my wife's office and
- 13 having extended periods of discussions with her. And that
- 14 made me angry. And I think we got into an argument about why
- 15 he's having these extra, what I called it was bird-dogging,
- 16 he was up there following my wife, having extra amounts of
- 17 conversations, which totally that I interpreted much further
- 18 than it actually was meant. And I was jealous of that,
- 19 Ms. Wallet.
- 20 Q. So you thought Tom Placey was interested in your
- 21 wife sexually?
- 22 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 23 Q. And you were getting some ribbing about this from
- 24 your co-workers?

25 A. Yes, ma'am.

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- 1 Q. Because they had observed him hanging around your
- 2 wife?
- 3 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 4 Q. And what did you do in response to this?
- 5 A. I think we got into an argument and that's --
- 6 Q. We who?
- 7 A. My wife and I. And that's one of the nights I
- 8 must have smashed a piece of birthday cake. But it was not
- 9 in front of my daughters. That's not true.
- 10 Q. What did you do with this birthday cake?
- 11 A. I said I might have smashed it, or she might have
- 12 went to serve me cake and I said I don't want it, I want to
- 13 get back to the argument that we were in about him being
- 14 upstairs with her extended periods of time.
- 15 Q. And whose birthday cake was this?
- 16 A. I don't remember.
- Q. Well, was it your birthday?
- 18 A. I don't recall. It wasn't my birthday, I don't
- 19 think.
- Q. Was it her birthday?
- 21 A. It might have been. Might have been her

- 22 birthday.
- 23 Q. And why did you tell somebody about this incident
- 24 between you and your wife and the birthday cake?
- 25 A. I told Ms. Varner this. And why did I tell her?

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- 1 Because I quess I was asking for or looking to her for
- 2 sympathy, you know, since that would maybe enhance our
- 3 relationship or our involvement with each other.
- 4 Q. So you thought it would improve your chances of
- 5 having sex with Ms. Varner if you made it clear you were
- 6 fighting with your wife?
- 7 A. It was having sex with Ms. Varner. It didn't --
- 8 I don't follow your question. That wasn't accurately stated,
- 9 or I don't understand what you're trying to allege.
- 10 Q. My question is: What would have prompted you to
- 11 say to someone: You know, last night my wife served me
- 12 birthday cake and I smashed it in front of her?
- MR. MacMAIN: He just answered your question.
- 14 MS. WALLET: Well, I didn't get the answer.
- 15 THE WITNESS: The answer was I thought it would
- 16 enhance the involvement I would have with Ms. Varner if she
- 17 knew I was mad at my wife. We were trying to justify our
- 18 illegitimate selfish behaviors, and we were always looking
- 19 for excuses to do that. It wasn't right but that's what

- 20 people do, I guess, that get involved with affairs.
- 21 BY MS. WALLET:
- 22 Q. Did you think that Ms. Varner when she heard this
- 23 might are fearful of you?
- 24 A. No. I thought it would enhance, I might even --
- 25 I thought she would interpret that as an enhancement towards

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- 1 having our relationship be more cemented or more fruitful.
- 2 Q. Did you tell other probation officers,
- 3 specifically female probation officers, that they were off
- 4 limits to Ms. Varner because they had made complaints?
- 5 A. No, ma'am.
- 6 Q. Did you warn Ms. Varner about Kerry Houser?
- 7 A. No, ma'am.
- 8 Q. Never said anything to Ms. Varner that was
- 9 negative about Kerry Houser?
- 10 A. I said I didn't like her.
- 11 Q. What did you tell Ms. Varner about Kerry Houser?
- 12 A. What did I tell Ms. Varner? Probably the same
- 13 stories I've testified earlier to, the fact that she had made
- 14 that revelation when I had an argument with Paul. She was
- 15 angry. She had made a call to Lynn Dickinson and her husband
- 16 out of the blue called me at my house. And actually
- 17 interrupted the woman's hiring. The woman was so what I

- 18 understand, and she can testify to this, she was so
- 19 traumatized she left and went to pursue her master's degree.
- 20 MR. MacMAIN: Gary, let me just interrupt. Is it
- 21 the same stuff we've already talked about before is what you
- 22 told Ms. Varner?
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 24 MR. MacMAIN: We don't need to go through it all
- 25 over again.

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- 1 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- MS. WALLET: I agree.
- 3 BY MS. WALLET:
- 4 Q. Did you tell Ms. Varner to stay away from Kerry
- 5 Houser?
- 6 A. No, I did not, ma'am.
- 7 Q. Did you tell Ms. Varner that she shouldn't talk
- 8 to Kerry Houser?
- 9 A. No, I did not.
- 10 Q. Did you make the statement about how dark you
- 11 thought a young female's bush was?
- 12 A. No, ma'am, I did not make that statement.
- 13 Q. At no time?
- 14 A. At no time.
- 15 Q. Did you ever move closer to Ms. Varner in an

- 16 aggressive manner?
- 17 A. No, ma'am.
- 18 Q. Did you ever point your finger in her face?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever point at her?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Did you ever throw something wadded up at her?
- 23 A. I looked at that Complaint and I do recall, it
- 24 might have been one of these sheets that she submitted after
- 25 the second or third time, and I rolled it up and I said, I

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think it was in regard to that victim sheet, she kept -- this

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- 2 was a case of it was a trinity, there was a four or five
- 3 different individuals that were involved with this, and --
- 4 MS. WALLET: Let the record show that he's
- 5 referring now to Deposition Exhibit 5.
- 6 MR. MacMAIN: Gary, she didn't ask you about the
- 7 whole background.

- 8 THE WITNESS: What I'm saying is I balled the
- 9 paper up and threw it in the waste can and said, you know,
- 10 you didn't do what I asked you to do. You didn't put what I
- 11 asked you to put in these things. So I balled the paper up
- 12 and threw it in her trash can. And she's made the allegation
- 13 that I threw it at her, and I not do that, ma'am.

- 14 BY MS. WALLET:
- 15 Q. And you did that real quietly, didn't raise your
- 16 voice?
- 17 A. I didn't say I didn't raise my voice.
- 18 Q. You did raise your voice?
- 19 A. Sure.
- Q. What did you say to her?
- 21 A. I just said, this isn't what I asked you, and I
- 22 asked -- and I've been through this three or four different
- 23 times with you. And I balled it up and threw it in the waste
- 24 can. And she's made the interpretation now that I threw it
- 25 at her, which I did not do.

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- 1 And did I raise my voice? Yes. Did I swear? I
- 2 don't remember swearing. I just remember I was frustrated
- 3 about seeing the same report three and four different times
- 4 submitted.
- 5 Q. Did you ever say anything to Ms. Varner that
- 6 would suggest that you and Mr. Osenkarski would punish people
- 7 in the office?
- 8 A. No, not at all.
- 9 Q. Did you ever say anything that would indicate
- 10 that people owed you for favors that you had given them?
- A. No, ma'am.

- 12 Q. Did you ever tell Ms. Varner you thought she owed
- 13 you?
- 14 A. No, not at all. I did a number of different
- 15 things for a number of different people in that office over
- 16 the years, and that's just, that's the nature of what I was
- 17 like, not the nature of what you've reported in this
- 18 particular document and Complaint.
- 19 Q. Did you ever make the statement that all divorced
- 20 females are angry at men?
- 21 A. No, ma'am.
- 22 Q. Did you ever make the statement that women would
- 23 do a lot better if they spent more time on their knees?
- A. Not at all. Never said anything like that.
- Q. Never said that?

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- 1 A. Never.
- 2 Q. Did you ever brag that you could have Nicole
- 3 Galbraith Horick in a sexual fashion any time you wanted?
- 4 A. That's not true, ma'am. No. I had an excellent
- 5 relationship with Nicole Galbraith, or Horick.
- 6 Q. Did you have any sexual interest in her?
- 7 A. None whatsoever, ma'am.
- 8 Q. Did you ever do or say anything that someone
- 9 might interpret as a sexual interest in her?

- 10 A. No, ma'am.
- 11 Q. Do you believe that your affair with Ms. Varner
- 12 interfered in any way with the work that you were paid to do?
- A. No, ma'am, not at all.
- 14 Q. I think I asked you this before. All of the time
- 15 that you spent during the workday in this affair, sexual
- 16 relations, were not on the clock?
- 17 A. Were not on duty.
- 18 Q. Even the ones that occurred during the middle of
- 19 the day?
- 20 A. We would take the afternoon off.
- 21 Q. I believe you told me there were sometimes when
- 22 you would sneak away for your liaison and go back to work,
- 23 correct?

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- 24 A. That might have been in the early development
- 25 where we wouldn't do anything, we would just sneak away and

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- be with one another and talk about our disappointments in our
- 2 partners' performances or sexually or something like that,
- 3 but we wouldn't really do anything.
- 4 Q. Did you ever take Ms. Varner in the car with you
- 5 when you visited a juvenile offender's mother in
- 6 Shippensburg, make her spend time in the car?
- 7 A. There again, you would have to give me a

- 8 reference point of who you're referring to or --
- 9 Q. Someone who worked at a dry cleaner's?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Do you know which individual I'm talking about
- 12 now?
- 13 A. Not specifically.
- 14 Q. This was someone who worked at a dry cleaner's,
- 15 lived in Shippensburg?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And what professional responsibility did you have
- 18 with regard to this woman or her family?
- 19 A. I think I handled her kid.
- 20 Q. And when you say handled, meaning it was a
- 21 juvenile that you were assigned to supervise?
- 22 A. Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.
- Q. And did you visit the home?
- A. Whose home, the lady's home?
- 25 Q. Yes.

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- 1 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 2 Q. On more than one occasion?
- A. Probably a few occasions, yes.
- 4 Q. And was Ms. Varner with you on any of those
- 5 occasions?

- She might have been. 6 Α.
- 7 You don't remember? Q.
- I don't recall. She could have been, sure. 8 Α.
- 9 Because we handled cases, I mean, Steve Wilson, I mean, I
- 10 remember, and that's an adult, so, and some other cases in
- 11 Shippensburg that, you know, she could have been along with
- 12 me and then we made a circle and stopped at other peoples'
- 13 homes.
- 14 Did you ever tell her to stay in the car while
- 15 you went to visit this woman?
- 16 No, ma'am. I mostly saw the woman I guess at the Α.
- dry cleaner's or her house. I mean, that's what remember --17
- 18 or the dry cleaning facility there in Shippensburg.
- 19 Were you sexually attracted to this woman? Q.
- 20 Α. No, ma'am.
- 21 Did you ever make any statements that would
- 22 indicate that you were sexually attracted to her?
- 23 No, ma'am. Α.
- Mr. Graham, you were suspended for three days? 24 Q.
- 25 Yes, ma'am. Α.

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- 1 As a result of the allegations that Ms. Varner Q.
- 2 made, correct?
- 3 Α. No, ma'am.

- Q. Didn't have anything to do with the allegations
- 5 that Ms. Varner made?
- 6 A. It had to do with swearing in the office.
- 7 Q. And how do you know that?
- 8 A. I think that's what Judge Sheely made in a
- 9 memorandum, that memorandum that he wrote or something.
- 10 Q. It was your belief that that didn't have anything
- 11 to do with Ms. Varner?
- MR. MacMAIN: Objection. That's not what he
- 13 said. I think your question was anything to do with sexual
- 14 harassment, and he said no, his understanding was poor
- 15 language.
- 16 BY MS. WALLET:
- 17 Q. I thought my question was: Was it related to the
- 18 complaints made by Ms. Varner.
- 19 Did it have anything to do with the complaints
- 20 that Ms. Varner made?
- 21 A. You would have to ask him.
- 22 Q. In any event, you were told that you were going
- 23 to be suspended for three days.
- 24 A. Right.
- 25 Q. And then a different three days were picked,

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1 correct?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What do you remember about those circumstances?
- 4 A. Not a thing. I've tried to remember that, and I
- 5 don't know what the circumstances are, why they were changed.
- 6 I thought maybe they were a holiday. Did I ask him? No.
- 7 Q. Do you know whether this was Judge Sheely's idea
- 8 to change these dates?
- 9 A. You would have to ask him. I don't know. I
- 10 don't remember why the dates were changed. That's beyond me.
- 11 MS. WALLET: Okay. We'll still mark this
- 12 document. I think we're up to 6.
- 13 (Graham Deposition Exhibit No. 6 was marked.).
- 14 BY MS. WALLET:
- 15 Q. Do you have Deposition 6 in front of you?
- 16 A. Um-hum, yes.
- 17 Q. I don't see your name on this document, but did
- 18 you get a copy of this document either through your counsel
- 19 or in some other fashion?
- 20 MR. MacMAIN: Through your counsel, you mean in
- 21 this litigation? Or do you mean Mr. Foster back when all
- this was happening?
- 23 MS. WALLET: From Mr. Foster back when all of
- 24 this was happening. Strike all of that. We'll start again.
- 25 BY MS. WALLET:

- 1 Q. Did somebody give you what has been marked as
- 2 Deposition Exhibit 6?
- 3 A. Not that I recall, no.
- 4 Q. You don't think you received it in or about July
- 5 17, 1997?
- A. I don't remember this corrected dates of
- 7 suspension. I don't remember it at all.
- 8 Q. Okay. Do you believe you got some other memo
- 9 telling you that the dates for your suspension had been
- 10 changed?
- 11 A. No, ma'am.
- 12 Q. Do you know who set the original dates when you
- were to be suspended?
- 14 A. No. I mean, I imagine it was Judge Sheely.
- Q. And you don't remember anything else about why
- 16 you were given the suspension or the date that you were to
- 17 serve the suspension?
- 18 A. Why I was given the suspension is because I used
- 19 foul language in the office. And what was the other part of
- 20 the question? Did I --
- 21 Q. Why it was changed, why the dates were changed.
- 22 A. I don't know. I don't know why, no.
- Q. Did you disagree with this suspension?
- 24 A. I was guilty of using foul language in the
- 25 office. I didn't disagree with it at all.

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1 Q. And what language did you consider to be foul

- 2 that you admit you used?
- 3 A. Using the F word.
- 4 Q. Did Judge Sheely ask you whether or not you had
- 5 used the F word?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And how did you respond?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 MS. WALLET: Okay. I think I'm finished with my
- 10 questioning at this time, and simply reserve the right to
- 11 recall Mr. Graham after I've reviewed these documents. I'm
- 12 not saying that I'm going to, but I'd like to have the
- 13 opportunity to ask him a few more questions if I feel that's
- 14 necessary.
- 15 MR. MacMAIN: Sure. And the same, I think it's
- 16 the same reservation we had regarding Ms. Varner since we had
- 17 not gotten Answers to written discovery as well. It's
- 18 something counsel can amicably work out if it comes up in
- 19 either case.
- 20 MS. WALLET: Okay. That's all the questions I
- 21 have for today.
- 22 MS. WILLIAMS: I have just one quick
- 23 clarification.
- 24 BY MS. WILLIAMS:
- 25 Q. Mr. Graham, I think you know who I am by now.

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- 1 I'm Taylor Williams representing the Court.
- 2 Can you clarify for me who initiated the affair
- 3 that you had with Barbara Varner?
- 4 A. What I would justify initiation is when she
- 5 leaned over in the parking lot of the Zembo Shrine in
- 6 Harrisburg and kissed me, on the way out. That's what I
- 7 would say is an initiation.
- 8 Did we probably flirt with one another before
- 9 that? We probably both flirted, both each way.
- 10 Q. Did you actively pursue Mrs. Varner?
- 11 A. No, ma'am.
- 12 Q. So Ms. Wallet's characterizations in her
- 13 deposition questions that you sought this affair or initiated
- 14 that affair, would you say that those were correct or
- 15 incorrect characterizations?
- 16 A. They're incorrect.
- 17 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you. That's all I have.
- MR. BATES: I have no questions.
- 19 MS. WALLET: I think we're finished for today.
- 20 (Whereupon, the deposition was concluded at
- 21 1:27 p.m.)
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